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⩲	white stands slightly better
⩱	black stands slightly better
±	white has the upper hand
∓	black has the upper hand
+−	white has a decisive advantage
−+	black has a decisive advantage
=	even
∞	unclear
=∞	with compensation for the material
↻	development advantage
O	greater board room
→	with attack
↑	with initiative
⇄	with counterplay
⊙	zugzwang
#	mate
!	a very good move
!!	an excellent move
?	a mistake
??	a blunder
!?	a move deserving attention
?!	a dubious move
∆	with the idea
□	only move
⌓	better is
⊞	centre
⟫	king's side
⟪	queen's side
×	weak point
⊥	endgame
⯊	bishops of opposite color

■	bishops of the same color
○○	double pawns
♂	passed pawn
>	advantage in number of pawns
⊕	time
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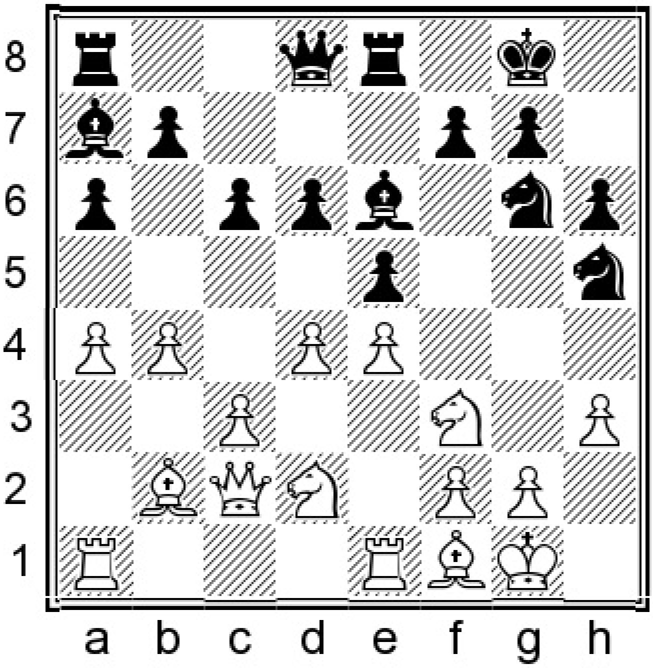
N	a novelty
(ch)	championship
(izt)	interzonal tournament
(ct)	candidates' tournament
(m)	match
(ol)	olympiad
corr.	correspondence game
RR	editorial comment
R	various moves
∟	with
–	see

THE BEST GAME
OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME

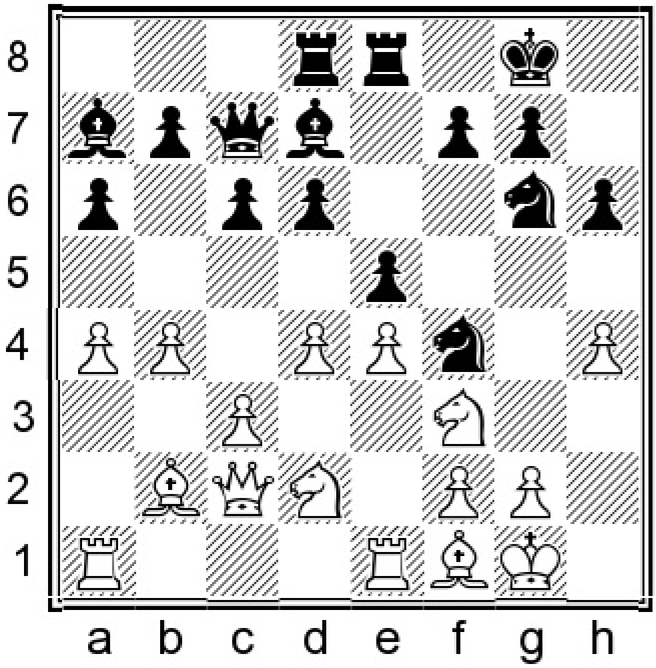
Editors' Pick

152/120. C54
Anish GIRI 2771 — Mohammad Amin TABATABAEI 2623
Berlin 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.0-0 0-0 6.♘bd2 d6 7.c3 a6 8.b4 ♗a7 9.a4 ♘e7 10.♖e1 ♘g6 11.d4 [11.h3 h6] **11...♖e8** [11...c6 – 130/109] **12.h3 h6 13.♗d3 c6 14.♖a3** [14.♕c2 ♗e6 15.♗f1 ♘h5 16.♗b2



16...♕d7!? (16...♘hf4 17.c4) 17.c4 ♘hf4 18.♖e3 ♖ad8 19.b5 (19.c5!?) 19...♕e7 20.♖b3 ♗d4 21.♘d4 ed4 22.♗d4 ab5 23.ab5 ♘e5 24.♗b2 c5 25.♘f3 g5 26.♖c1 ♖a8 27.♕d1 ♖ed8 28.♖c2 ♔h7 29.♖bc3 ♖g8 30.♔h1 ♘fg6 31.g3 ♘f3 32.♖f3 ♘e5 33.♖e3 ♖a4 34.♖d2 ♖a2 35.♕b3 ♖aa8 36.♖c3 ♖g6 37.♕d1 h5 38.♖cc2 ♖ag8 39.f3=; 14.♗c2 a5 (14...d5) 15.ba5 (15.b5 ♕c7 16.♖a3 ♖b8 17.♗d3 ♗e6 18.♘f1 ♖bd8 19.♗d2=) 15...♕a5 16.♖b1 b5 17.ab5 cb5 18.♗d3 ♕c3 19.♗b5 ♗d7 20.♗d7 ♘d7 21.♗b2 ♕c7 22.♘f1 ♖ab8 23.♘g3 ♖b6 24.♕a4 ♖eb8 25.♖bc1 ♕b7 26.♗a1 ♘f4 27.♕d1 ♕a6 28.♖e3 ♕a2 29.♖e1 ♕a6 30.♖e3 ♕a2 31.♖e1 ♕a6=] **14...♕c7 15.♗b2 N** [15.a5] **15...♗d7 16.♕c2 ♖ad8 17.♖aa1 ♘h5 18.♗f1 ♘hf4 19.h4?** [19.c4! c5 20.bc5 ed4 21.c6 ♗c6 22.♘d4 ♘e5⇄]



19...d5! 20.g3 [20.c4 de4 21.♘e5 (21.♖e4 ♗f5–+; 21.♘e4 f5–+) 21...♘e5 22.de5 e3 23.fe3 ♘g6 24.♘f3 a5 25.b5 ♗g4] **20...♘h3 21.♔g2 ed4! 22.cd4 ♘gf4! 23.gf4 ♕f4 24.e5 ♗f5 25.♕c3 ♖e6 26.♕e3 ♖g6 27.♔h1 ♕g4 28.♖a3 f6 29.ef6 gf6 30.h5 ♖g7**
0 : 1 Elshan Moradiabadi

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Editors' Pick

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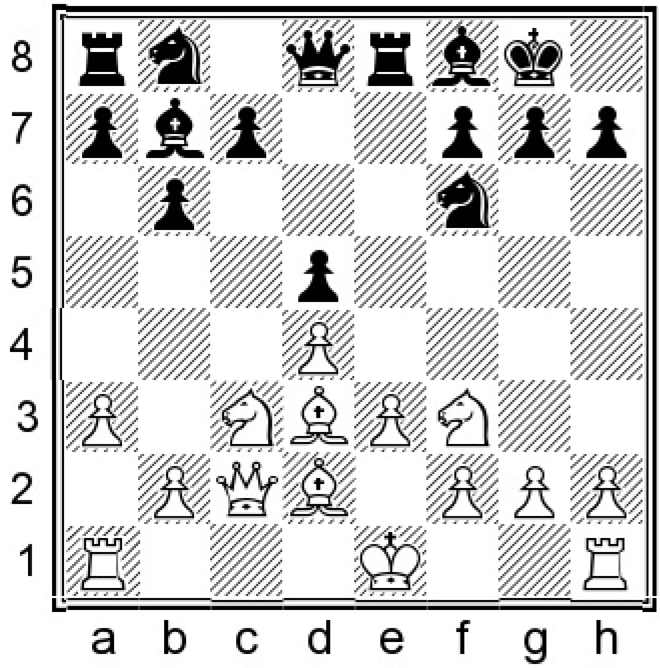
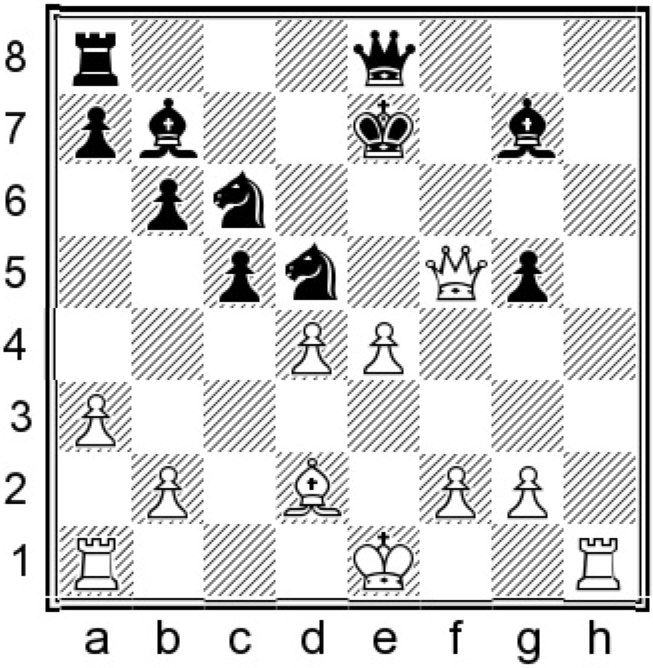
Levon ARONIAN 2785 — Andrey ESIPENKO 2723
Berlin 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.e3 0-0 6.♗d2 b6 7.cd5 ed5 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.♕c2 [9.0-0 – 147/182] **9...♖e8 10.a3 ♗f8**



11.♘g5! N [11.0-0-0] **11...g6 12.h4 c5?! 13.h5±→ 13...h6?** [13...♖e7; 13...♗g7] **14.hg6! hg5** [14...fg6 15.♗g6! (15.♘f3!?) 15...hg5 16.♗h7 ♔f7 (16...♔h8 17.♕g6 ♗g7 18.♕f7 ♘h7 19.0-0-0!+–) 17.♕g6 ♔e7 18.e4!+–] **15.gf7 ♔f7 16.♗g6 ♔e7** [16...♔g8 – 14...fg6] **17.♕f5** [17.e4!?] **17...♗g7 18.e4! ♘c6 19.♗e8** [19.♗g5!?+–] **19...♕e8 20.♘d5** [20.♗g5!?+−] **20...♘d5** [20...♔f7 21.♘f6! ♕e6 (21...♘d4 22.♘e8 ♘f5 23.♘g7 ♘g7 24.f3+–) 22.♕e6 ♔e6 23.d5 ♔f6 24.dc6 ♗c6 25.♗c3+–]



21.♗g5! [21.♖h7? ♕f7! 22.♕d5 (22.♗g5? ♔f8 23.♕f7 ♔f7 24.♗h6 ♖g8∞) 22...♔f8 23.dc5 ♘e5!±; 21.♕d5? ♔f8±] **21...♔d6** [21...♘f6 22.♗f6 ♗f6 23.♖h7+–] **22.♕d5 ♔c7 23.♖h7**

1 : 0 Tomislav Paunović

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.e3 0-0 6.♗d2 b6 7.cd5 ed5 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.♕c2

9...♖e8 1 10.a3 ♗f8 2 11.♘g5! 3 g6 12.h4 ♗g7 4 13.0-0-0 ♗a6 5 14.f4 6 ♗d3 15.♕d3 ♘c6 7 16.h5 ♘e7 17.hg6 hg6± 8
9...c5 10.0-0 9 c4 10 11.♗e2 11 ♘c6 12 12.b3 cb3 13 13.♕b3 14 ♗d6 15 14.♖fc1 ♖c8 15.♘b5 ♗b8 16.a4 ♕e7 17.♖c2 ♘e4= 16

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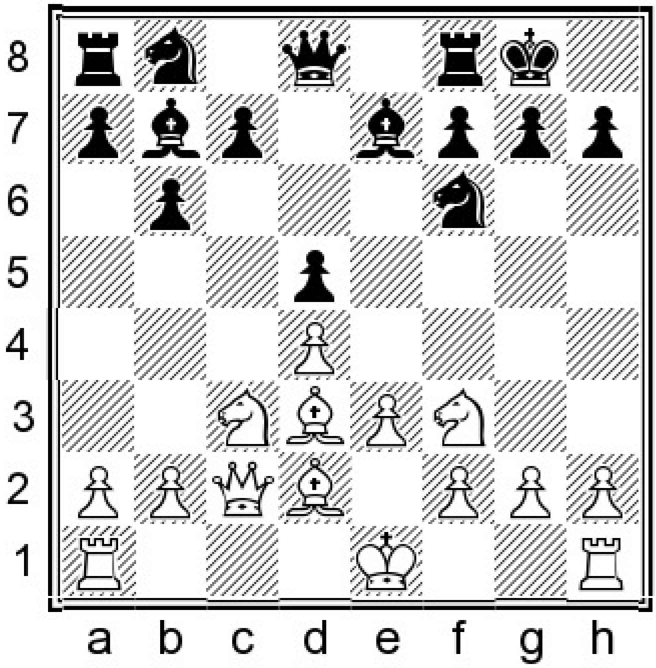
9...♗e7



10.g4!

a) 10...g6 11.h4 c5 12.h5 c4 13.♗e2 [13.♗g6!? fg6 14.hg6 ♘c6 15.gh7 ♔g7 16.♘h4±] 13...♘c6 14.a3 ♘g4 15.hg6 hg6 16.e4 de4 17.♕e4 ♕d7 18.d5± Yago De Moura Santiago 2509 – Nils Richter 2359, Teplice 2022;

b) 10...♘a6 11.a3 c5 12.g5 ♘e4 13.♘e4 de4 14.♗e4 ♗e4 15.♕e4 cd4 16.♕d4 ♗g5 17.♕d8 ♗d8 18.b4 [18.♗c3 ♘c5 19.♔e2 ♗e7 20.b4 ♘e4 21.♗d4 ♖fc8 22.♖hc1 f6 23.♘d2 ♘d6 24.♔d3 ♔f7= Yasin Sari 2330 – Mykhaylo Oleksiyenko 2604, Çeşme 2018] 18...♗f6 19.♖c1 ♖ac8 20.♔e2±

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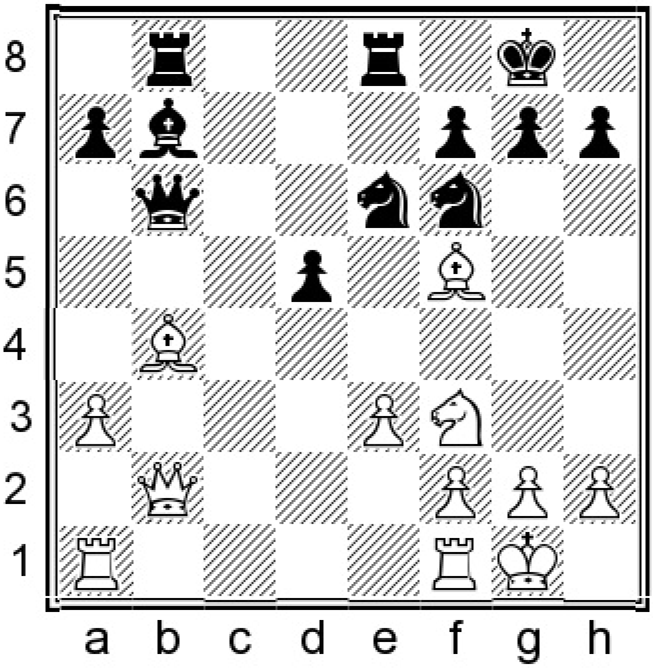
10...♗d6 11.♘b5 c5 12.♘d6 ♕d6 13.dc5 bc5 14.b4 ♘bd7 15.0-0 ♖ac8 16.bc5 ♘c5 17.♗f5 [17.♗b4 a5 18.♗c5 ♖c5 19.♕b2 (Varuzhan Akobian 2600 – Ray Robson 2681, USA (m/3-blitz) 2022) 19...♗a6 20.♗a6 ♕a6 21.♖fc1 ♖ec8=] 17...♘e6 18.♕b2 ♖b8 19.♗b4 ♕b6



a) 20.♖fc1 d4 21.♘d4 a5 22.♗c3 [22.♗e6 fe6 23.♗c3 ♕b2 24.♗b2 ♗g2 25.♔g2 ♖b2= Jakhongir Vakhidov 2552 – Shamsiddin Vokhidov 2536, Tashkent 2022] 22...♕b2 23.♗b2 ♗g2 24.♗c3 ♘d4 25.♗d4±;

b) 20.♖ab1! ♗a6 21.♖fc1±

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11.0-0-0

a) 11...♘bd7 12.♘g5 [12.♖hg1?! ♖c8 13.♘g5 g6 14.g4 c5∓ Talal Abbas 2007 – Bernard Jabr, Beirut 2011] 12...g6 13.h4±;

b) 11...♗a6! 12.♘e5 ♗d3 13.♕d3 c6 14.g4 b5 15.g5 ♘fd7 16.f4 a5∓

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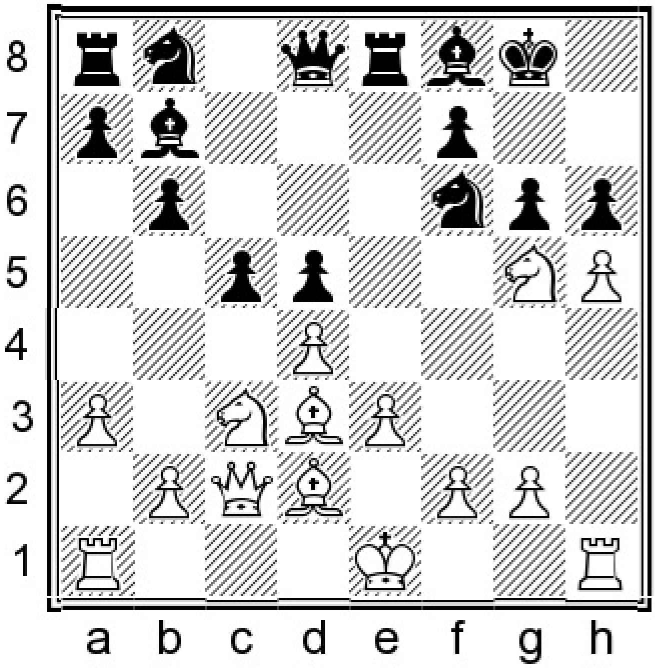
12...c5?! 13.h5±→

a) 13...h6?



14.hg6!

a1) 14...fg6 15.♗g6! hg5 16.♗h7 ♔f7 [16...♔h8 17.♕g6 ♗g7 18.♕f7 ♘h7 19.0-0-0!+–] 17.♕g6 ♔e7 18.e4!+–;

a2) 14...hg5 15.gf7 ♔f7 16.♗g6 ♔e7 [16...♔g8 – 14...fg6] 17.♕f5 [17.e4!?] 17...♗g7 18.e4! ♘c6 19.♗e8 [19.♗g5!?+–] 19...♕e8 20.♘d5 [20.♗g5!?+−]

a21) 20...♔f7 21.♘f6! ♕e6 [21...♘d4 22.♘e8 ♘f5 23.♘g7 ♘g7 24.f3+–] 22.♕e6 ♔e6 23.d5 ♔f6 24.dc6 ♗c6 25.♗c3+–;

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b) 13...♗g7 14.hg6 hg6 15.♘f7! ♔f7 16.♗g6 ♔f8 17.♗e8 ♕e8 18.0-0-0±;

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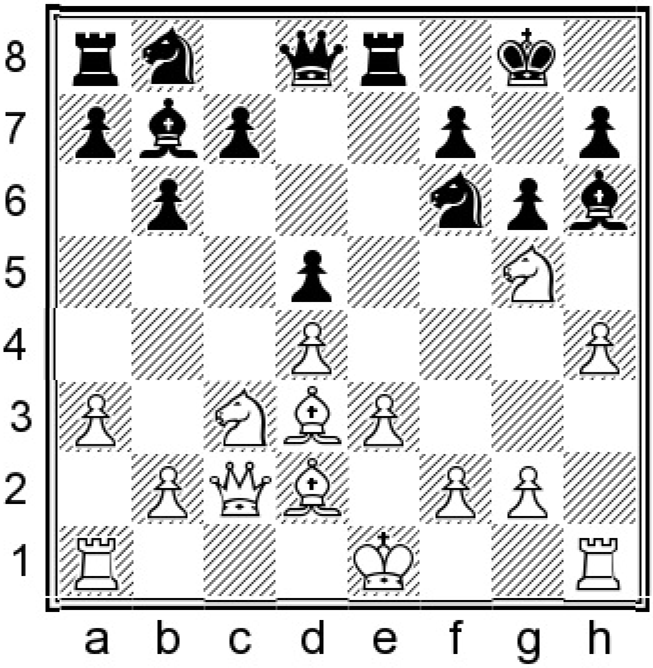

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a2) 13...♗a6 14.♔b1 ♗d3 15.♕d3 ♗g7 16.h5±;

b) 13.♘h7! ♘h7 14.h5 ♗g7 15.hg6 fg6 16.♗g6±

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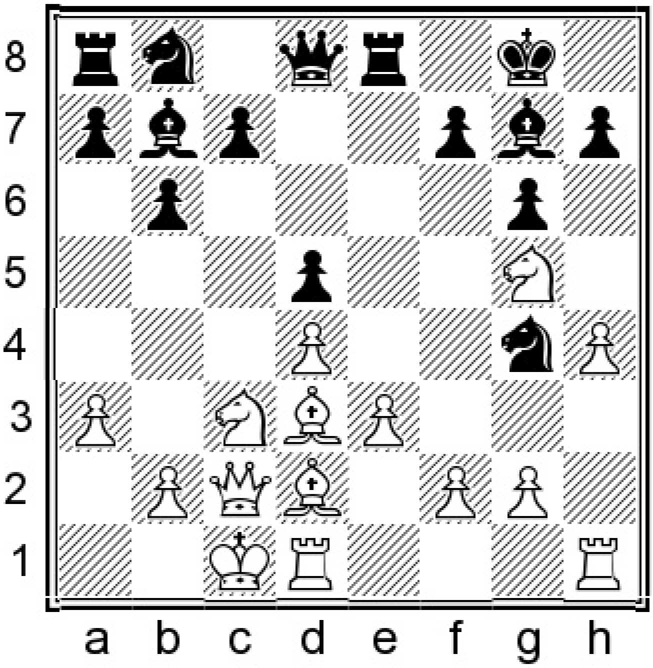

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b) 15...c5 16.g4 ♘bd7 17.♔b1±

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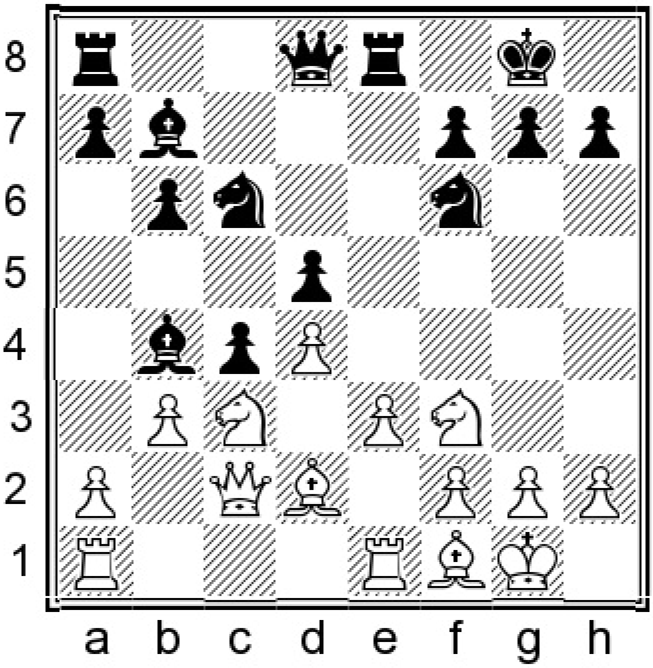

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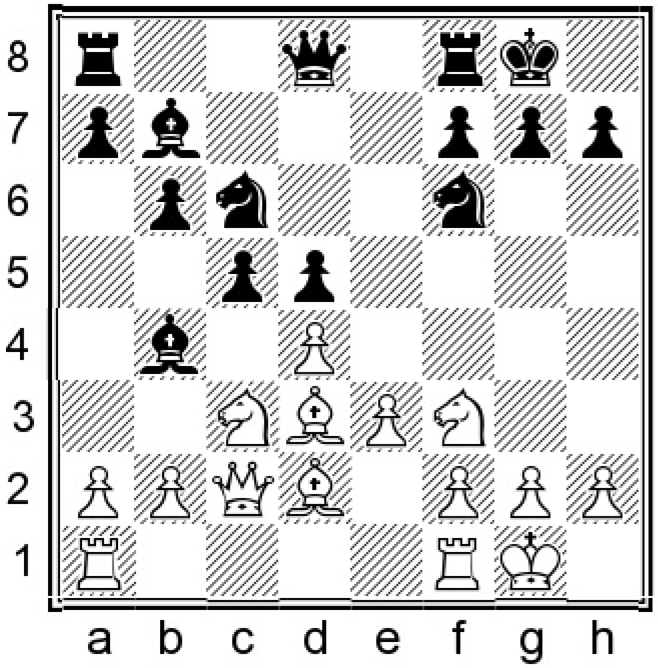

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11...♗c3 12.♗c3 ♘c6 13.♘e5 b5 14.a4 [14.♘c6 ♗c6 15.b3 a5∓ Gyula Sull 2112 – Zoltán Horváth 2342, Magyarország 2002] 14...a6 15.ab5 ab5 16.♖a8 ♕a8 17.f3 ♕a7 18.♕d2 ♕b6 19.♘c6 ♗c6=

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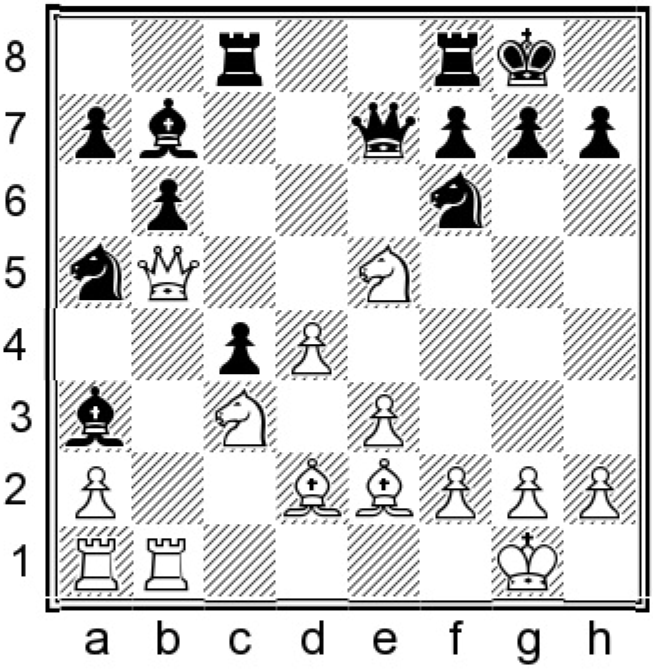

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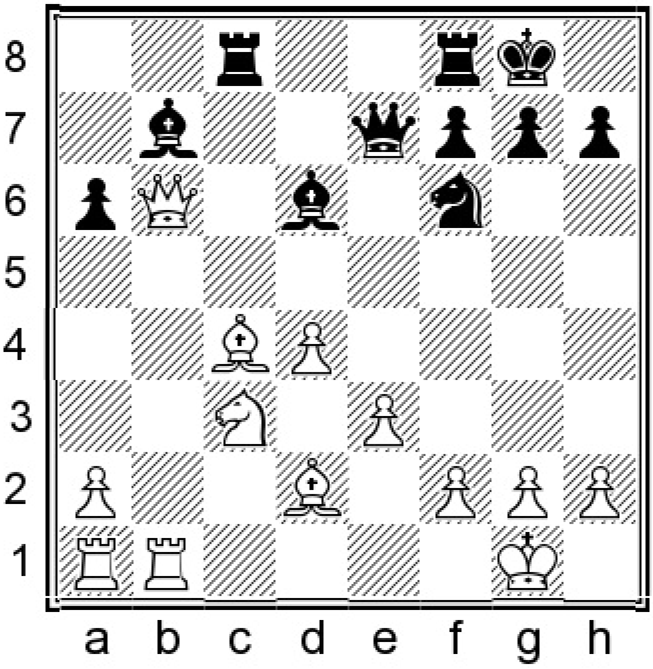

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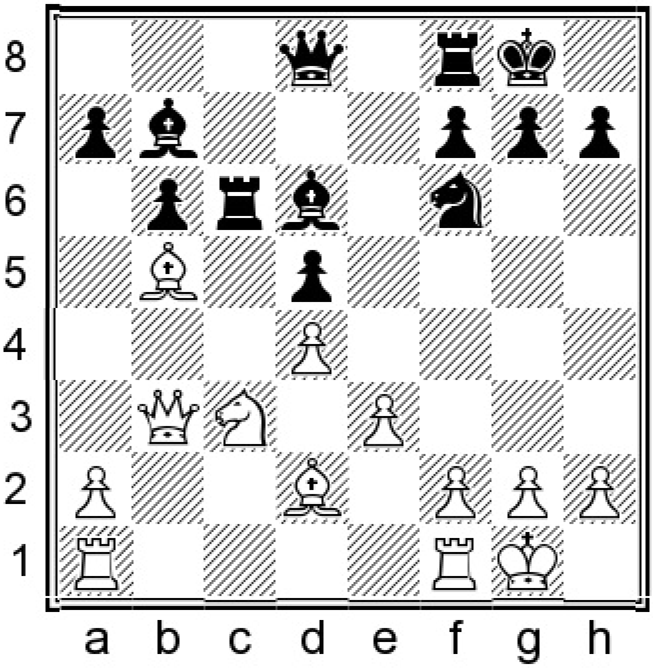
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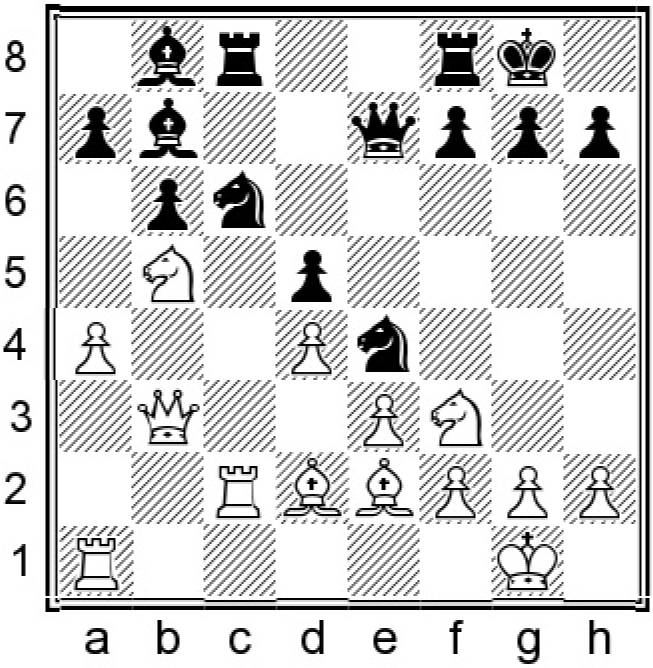
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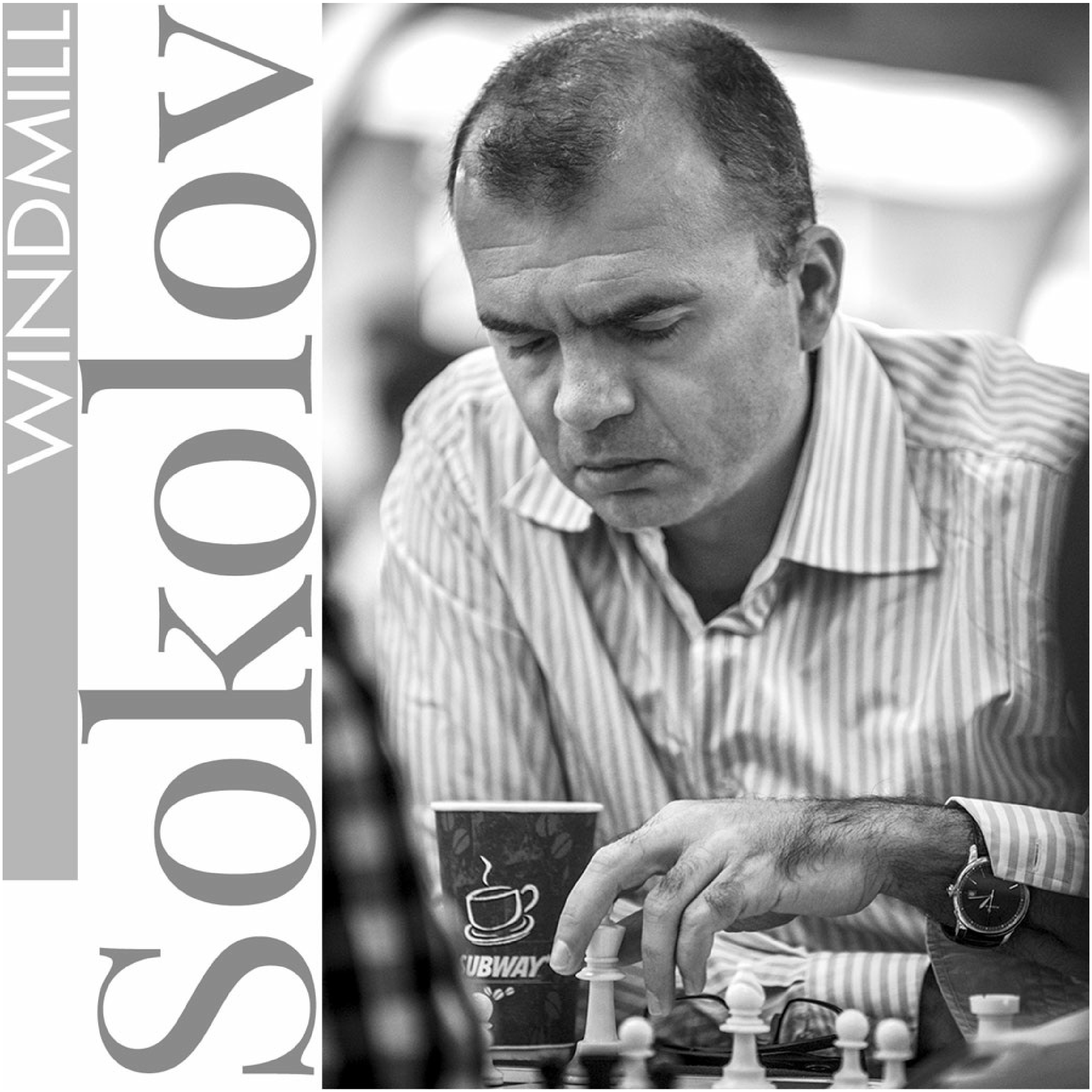

CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT 2022 – MADRID

Tournament Review

The Candidates Tournament for the 2023 World Championship took place June 16-July 5 in Madrid.

The tournament itself had "starting controversies"' as Sergey Karjakin was disqualified by FIDE Ethics & Disciplinary commission (due to his political pro-military invasion statements). Also,

Ivan Sokolov

- **Country:** Netherlands
- **Born:** 1968
- **Rating:** 2593
- **Peak rating:** 2706
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1987

Magnus Carlsen announced that he would (most likely) not defend his title.

Karjakin was replaced by Ding Liren (who, on the other hand, needed a certain number of rated games and he managed "last minute" to reach the quota). Tournament itself was interesting and we saw many fighting games.

My choice of the games is personal, as it is not easy to make everyone happy. Still, I do hope reader to like my selection.

Majority of the games are by Ian Nepomniachtchi (which is normal as he won the event).

Being for three years (2016-2019) the coach of young Alireza Firouzja, I was personally very interested for Alireza's performance. Honestly, I was thinking that his talent will bridge the years of experience and offer him good chances to win and qualify for the World Championship match in "one go". However, the combination of wrong decisions resulted in disappointment, as two games Alireza lost to Ian (both included in this survey) illustrate it well.

Hikaru Nakamura made powerful return to classical chess, first qualifying for the Candidates and then performing well in Madrid.

The winner Ian Nepomniachtchi though winning with large (1½ points) margin(!!) did need to survive some scary moments. Surviving difficult moments versus Caruana & Nakamura (both games in the early stage of the tournament!) played important role in Nepo's triumph.

MADRID, VI–VII 2022
The FIDE Candidates Tournament

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Time control: 120 minutes for the first 40 moves, 60 minutes for the next 20 moves, then 15 minutes for the rest of the game with a 30-second increment per move starting on move 61.

Draws by mutual agreement were not allowed before Black's 40th move.

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2	DING LIREN	g	2806	0 ½	■ ■	½ 0	½ 1	½ 1	½ ½	½ 1	½ 1	8	2
3	T. RADJABOV	g	2753	½ ½	½ 1	■ ■	0 1	0 ½	½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	7½	3–4
4	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2760	½ ½	½ 0	1 0	■ ■	0 1	½ 1	½ 1	½ ½	7½	3–4
5	F. CARUANA	g	2783	½ ½	½ 0	1 ½	1 0	■ ■	1 0	½ 0	½ ½	6½	5
6	A. FIROUZJA	g	2793	0 0	½ ½	½ ½	½ 0	0 1	■ ■	½ ½	½ 1	6	6
7	J.-K. DUDA	g	2750	0 ½	½ 0	½ ½	½ 0	½ 1	½ ½	■ ■	½ 0	5½	7–8
8	R. RAPPORT	g	2764	0 ½	½ 0	½ 0	½ ½	½ ½	½ 0	½ 1	■ ■	5½	7–8

The winner earned the right to face Carlsen in the 2023 FIDE World Chess Championship.

C65

Rapport, Richard (2764) - Radjabov, Teimour (2753)
Madrid (ct), 2022

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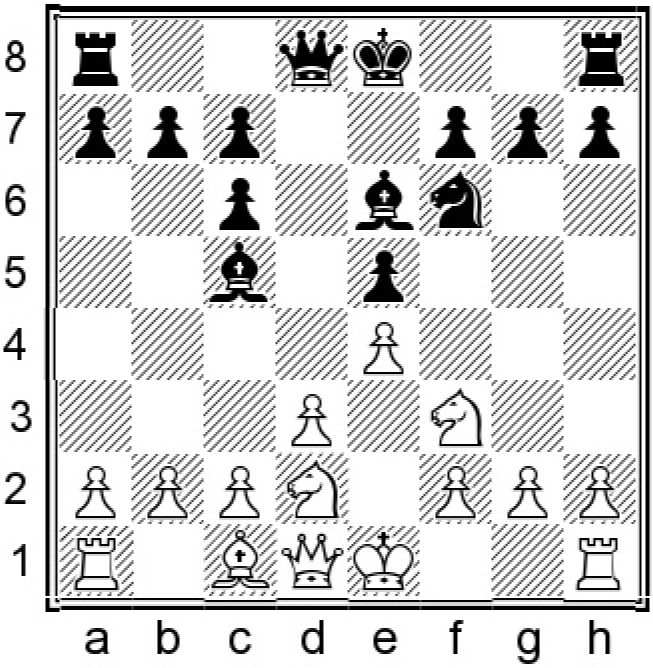
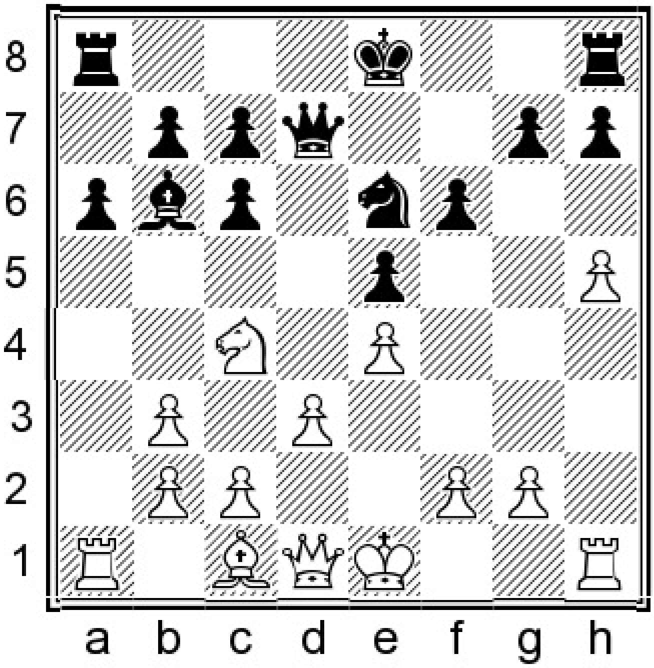


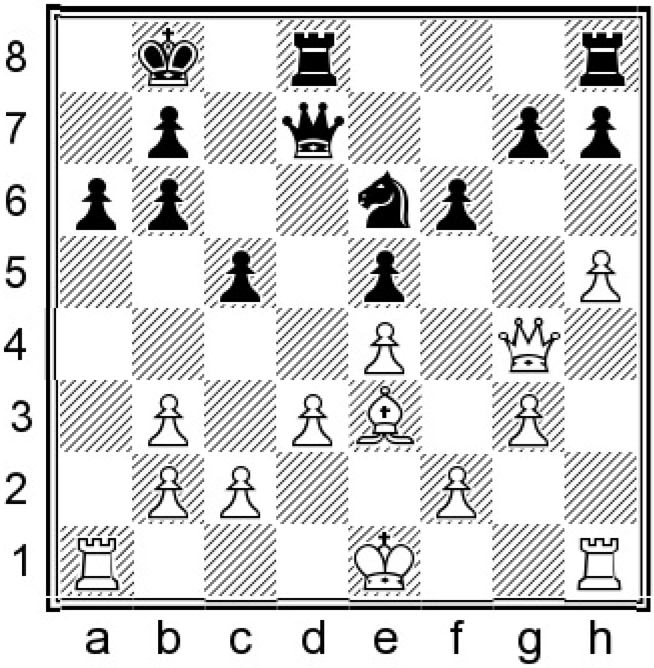
This is a popular variation with many games played at top level. Rapport himself had an interesting game vs Caruana a couple of days earlier. White faces dilemma whether to "show his hand" and castle, or to keep his king in the centre (and options). Black also sometimes castles kingside (like in this game), or queenside (like Caruana did).

7.O-O

Mentioned game vs Caruana went 7.h3 ♘d7 8.♘b3 (Different White's set-up is 8.♘f1 f6 9.g4 ♕e7 10.♘g3 O-O-O 11.♕e2 ♔b8∞ with unclear game, Nakamura,Hikaru 2736 - Carlsen,Magnus 2863, chess24.com (Internet-m7/7-rapid) 2020) 8...♗b6 White takes Black's bishop pair. 9.♘g5 ♗xb3 (9...♕e7 is less precise, because after 10.♘xe6 ♕xe6 11.♕g4 White has a long term pressure: 11...♕g6 12.♗d2 O-O-O 13.♗c3 f6 14.a4± Sevian,Samuel 2556 - Radjabov,Teimour 2738, Baku (m/4-rapid) 2015) 10.axb3 Now White will have to lose some time moving his knight 10...f6 11.♘f3 Black's knight here belongs to the e6-square. 11...♘c5 12.♘d2 ♘e6 13.♘c4 ♕d7 14.h4 a6 15.h5



A critical position. Caruana plays a logical move though probably not totally accurate. 15...O-O-O (15...♗d4= looks about equal.) 16.♘xb6+ cxb6 17.♗e3 c5 18.♕g4 ♔b8 19.g3



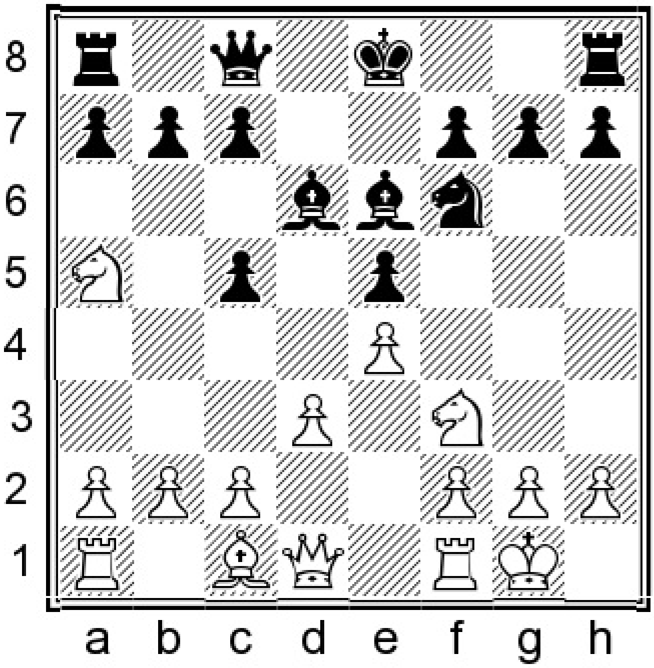
Black has a solid position. However, White prepares the f4-pawn push and has initiative. 19...g6 (It can be that Caruana initially underestimated ending after 19...♘d4 20.♕xd7 ♖xd7 21.♗xd4 whatever is the way Black is going to recapture, White will go for the f4-pawn push and have some initiative.) 20.O-O-O ♕f7 21.f4± ↑ White has initiative here, but game ended in a draw - Rapport,Richard 2764 - Caruana, Fabiano 2783, Madrid (ct) 2022

7...♗d6 White opts for a well-known plan to place his knight on the a5-square.

8.♘b3 c5

Black could have opted to stop the white knight from getting to the a5-square and play 8...b6 (likely) most logical for White is to go for the pawn structure change. 9.d4 ♘d7 10.dxe5 ♘xe5 11.♘xe5 ♗xe5 12.♕h5= The position looks about equal though White ended victorious in (high level internet game) Vachier Lagrave,Maxime 2784 - So,Wesley 2770, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2021

9.♘a5 ♕c8



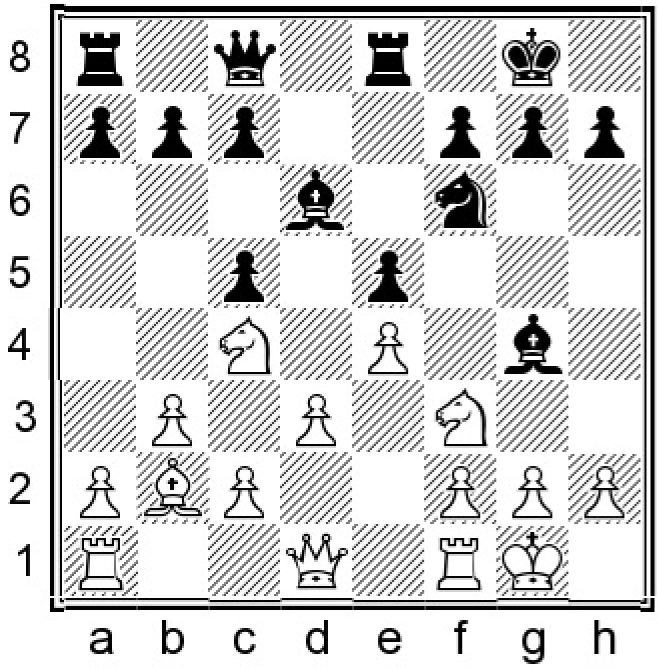
10.b3 Tipical move in this position, though I am not sure that is White's most precise option.

10.♘g5 Going immediately for the black light-squared bishop looks to be promising White a long term advantage. 10...b6 (10...♗d7? 11.f4→; 10...♗g4?! 11.f3 ♗h5 12.♕e1→ and the f4-pawn push will come.) 11.♘xe6 ♕xe6 12.♘c4± White will push f4 at a suitable moment and have better chances.

10...O-O

Perhaps better decision was 10...b6 and after 11.♘c4 ♗xc4 12.bxc4 ♕e6 - if White has something, it is very little.

11.♗b2 ♗g4 12.♘c4 ♖e8



White has all the reasons to be happy with the outcome of the opening. Black has no counterplay while White has kingside initiative. White has different ways to develop kingside initiative. Pushing the g-pawn, planting knight to f5, keeping f4-pawn push option... Position looks promising for White.

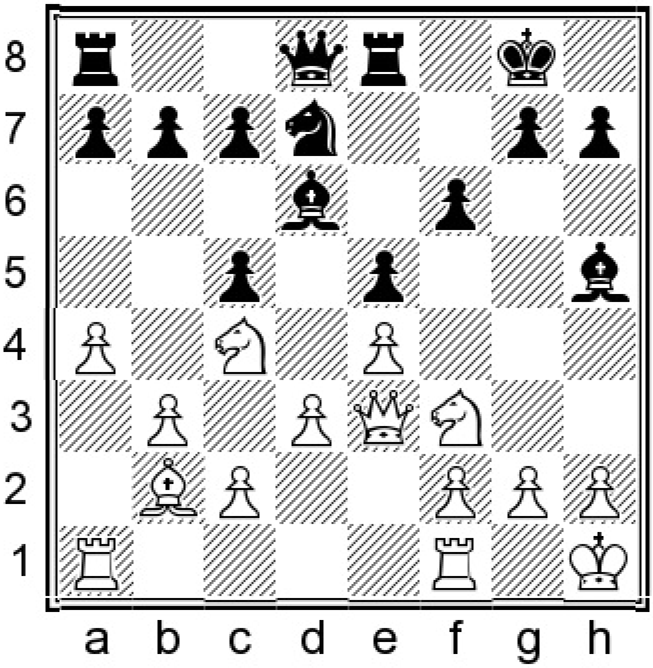
13.a4 Rapport secures his c4-knight position and wants to move his queen to e3-square unpinning his f3-knight.

Other option was 13.h3 ♗h5 14.♘e3

13...♗h5 14.♕e2

The alternative was 14.h3 preparing to move the king, then Rg1 and the g4-pawn push.

14...♘d7 15.♕e3 ♕d8 16.♔h1 f6



White has good situation here, as Black has no counterplay. White has various attacking plans. An attacking player like Richard Rapport had all reasons to be happy here. Maybe Richard got too optimistic and (therefore soon) opted for a reckless sacrifice.

17.♖g1

Promising alternative was to go for the f-pawn push. 17.♘h4 ♗f7 18.♘f5 ♘f8 19.g3 ♘e6 20.f4→

17...♗f7 18.g4 Black has to prevent White's immediate g5-push.

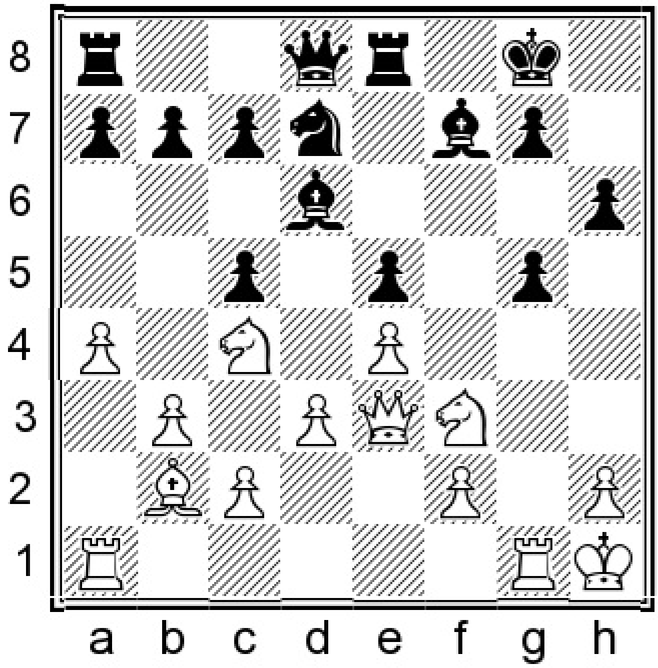
18...h6 White has promising attack and has no pressure/reason to sacrifice anything here. Most likely, the explanation is Rapport simply being too optimistic about his attack.

19.g5!?

The alternative was simple 19.♘h4 planting knight to f5 19...♘f8 20.♘f5 and the position is promising for White. Black has no real counterplay, White will push h4, double his rooks on g-file and threathen with the g5-push. 20...♗xc4 (20...♘e6 21.h4→) 21.bxc4 ♘e6 22.h4→

How to capture on g5? **19...fxg5?**

Precise was 19...hxg5! with approximately equal position after 20.h4 ♗xc4 21.bxc4 ♔f7 22.hxg5 ♖h8+ 23.♔g2 ♘f8=



20.♘xg5? We love Richard Rapport for such decisions but objectively this reckless sacrifice is a mistake here.

20.h4!→ looks promising for White.

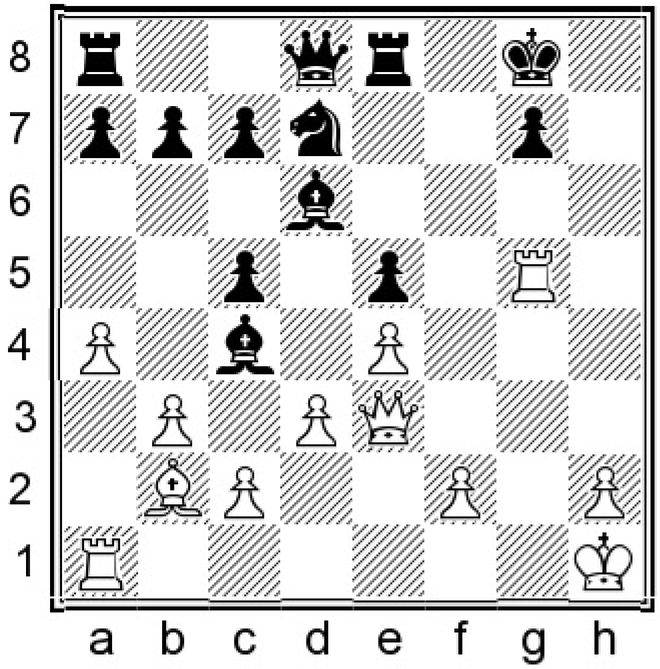
20...hxg5

A precise way to refute White's sacrifice was (relatively simple) 20...♗xc4! 21.bxc4 hxg5 22.♖xg5 ♗e7-+ Black is a sound piece up and White has no attack. 23.♖h5 (23.♖xg7+?? does not work as White "runs out of pieces". 23...♔xg7 24.♖g1+ ♔f7) 23...♗f6 24.♖g1 ♕e7-+

21.♖xg5 Now White has some attack though not sufficient to fully compensate for the sacrificed piece.

21...♕f6

21...♗xc4 now does not work equally well as White has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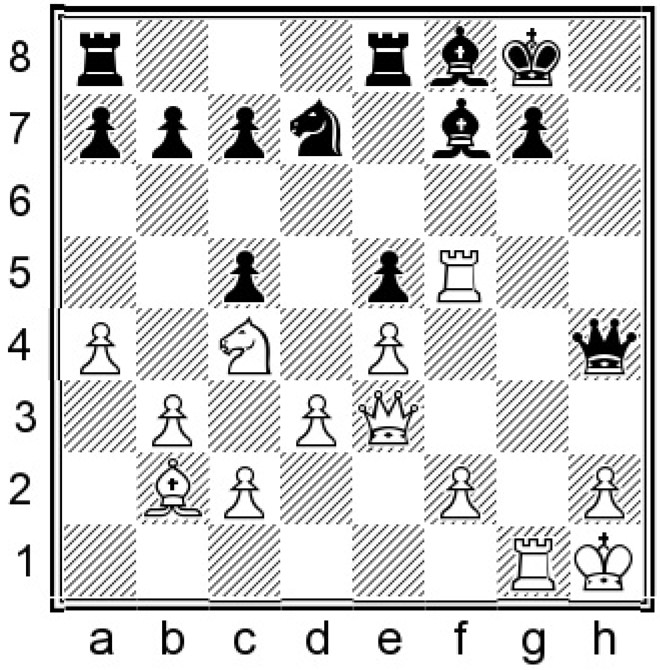
22.♖ag1! with approximately equal material imbalanced position after 22...♗f7! (22...♖e7? 23.♕g3 ♕f8 24.bxc4 ♕f6 25.f4+-) 23.♖xg7+ ♔f8 24.♕h6 ♕f6 25.♖7g6+ ♔e7 26.♖xf6 ♘xf6 27.♖g7 ♖g8∞

22.♖ag1 ♗f8 23.♖f5

23.f4 does not achieve desired result after 23...♗xc4 24.bxc4 exf4 25.♕c1 ♖e5! 26.♗xe5 ♘xe5 27.♖f5 ♕e6 28.♕xf4 ♖e8∓

23...♕h4!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24.♘d2?

White's best survival chance was 24.♘xe5 ♘xe5 25.♗xe5 ♖xe5 26.♖xe5 ♗d6 27.♕g5 ♕h7 28.f4

♗xe5 29.♕xe5 Black is better, but White has some survival chances.

Radjabov calculates well and executes with a steady hand.**24...♖e6-+ 25.f4 ♖g6 26.♘f3 ♕h3** Logical human move.

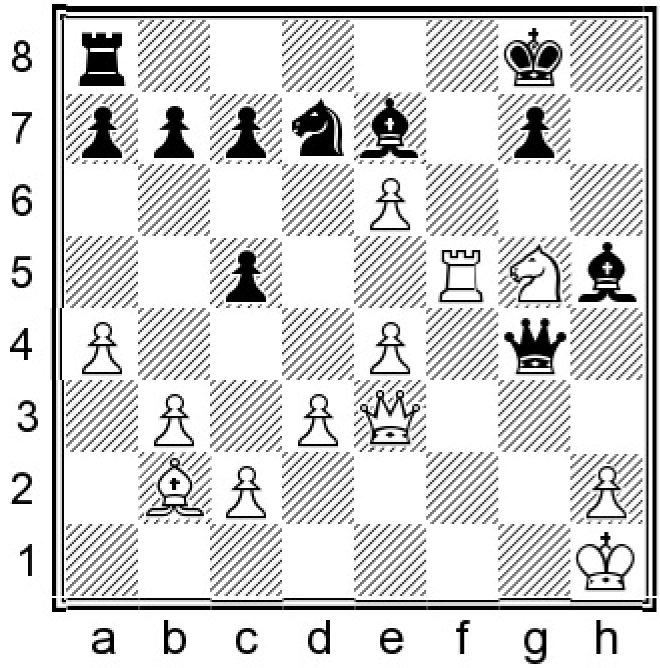
My *Stockfish* prefers 26...♖xg1+ 27.♕xg1 ♕h6 28.fxe5 ♗g6 29.♖g5 ♗h5 30.♖g3 ♗xf3+ 31.♖xf3 ♖e8-+

27.fxe5 ♖xg1+ 28.♕xg1 ♗h5 29.♘g5 ♕g4 White's threats are not really dangerous. Radjabov easily brings it home.

30.♕e3

Or 30.e6 ♘f6 31.♗xf6 gxf6 32.♕xg4 ♗xg4 33.♖xf6 ♖e8-+ White loses the e6-pawn and later the game. 34.h4 ♗g7 35.♖f7 ♗e5

30...♗e7 31.e6



31...♖f8! 32.♘f7

32.exd7 loses to 32...♖xf5 33.exf5 ♗xg5-+

32...♗xf7 33.exd7 ♗e6 0-1

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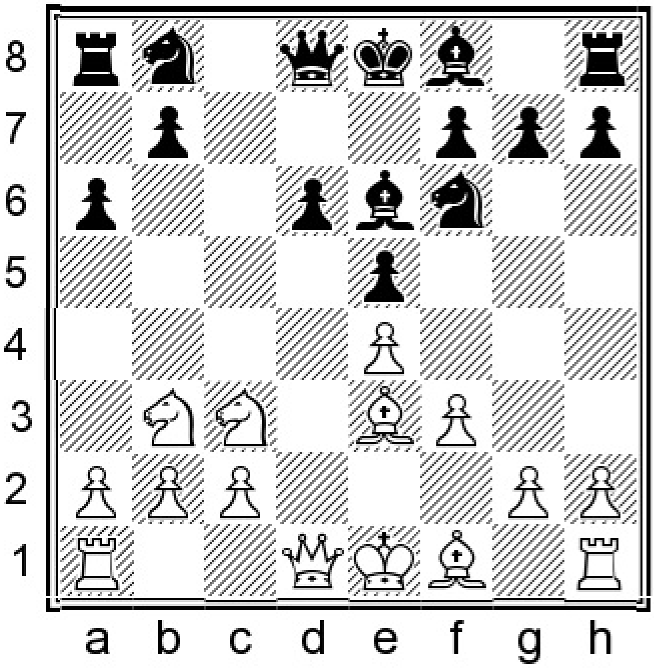
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2766) - Firouzja, Alireza (2793)
Madrid (ct), 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3



Alireza trusts his preparation and goes for one of the sharpest (if not the sharpest) lines here.

8...♗e7

If Black is worried about White's kingside pawn push, he can chose for 8...h5

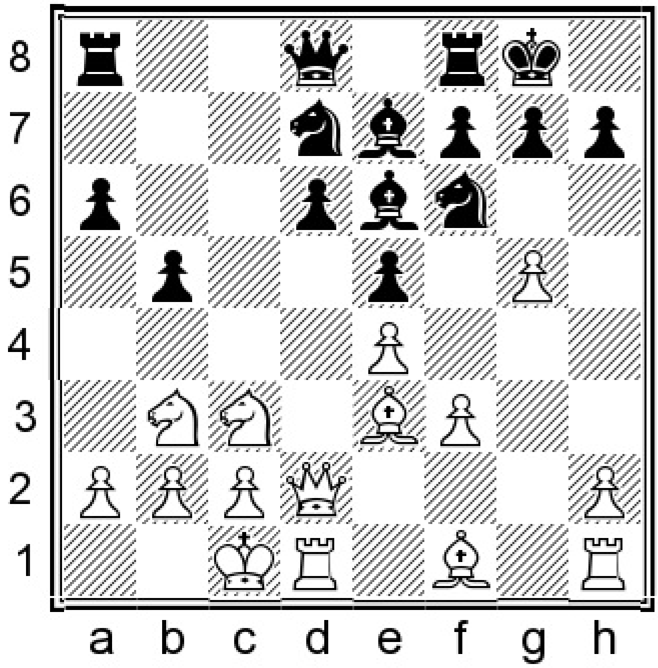
9.♕d2 O-O

Black still had 9...h5 option where we get different type of positions.

10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.g4 b5

Nepo tried a sideline with Black twice (once classical, once internet game) 11...♘b6 but did not have best experience (losing both games) after 12.g5 ♘fd7 13.h4→ Lopez Martinez,Josep Manuel 2540 - Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2628, Budva 2009 and Abdusattorov,Nodirbek 2627 - Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2789, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2021

12.g5



Black goes for the most straight forward reaction.

12...b4 13.♘e2

13.gxf6 has been tried at top level, however after 13...bxc3 14.♕xc3 ♘xf6 15.♘a5 ♖c8 16.♘c6 ♕e8 17.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 Black proved to have equal chances as for example in Ponomariov,Ruslan 2699 - Navara,David 2737, Biel 2017 - 133/91

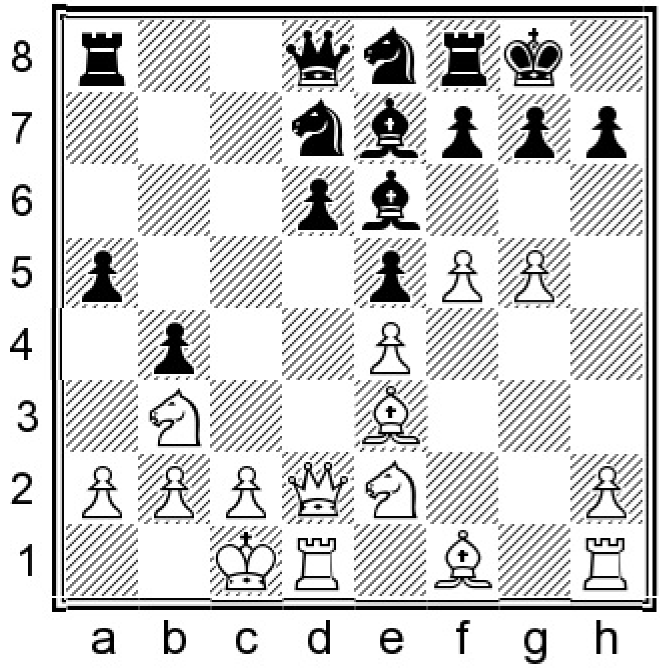
13...♘e8

The alternative leads to better position for White after 13...♘h5 14.♘g3 ♘f4 15.h4 a5 16.♔b1 a4 and now we see the drawback of the knight placed on f4 after 17.♘d4! as in Topalov,Veselin 2640 - De Firmian,Nick 2605, Polanica-Zdroj 1995 - 64/256

14.f4 One of three main White's moves here.

14.♔b1 or 14.h4 were tried at top level too.

14...a5 15.f5 Here Alireza went for an opening surprise.

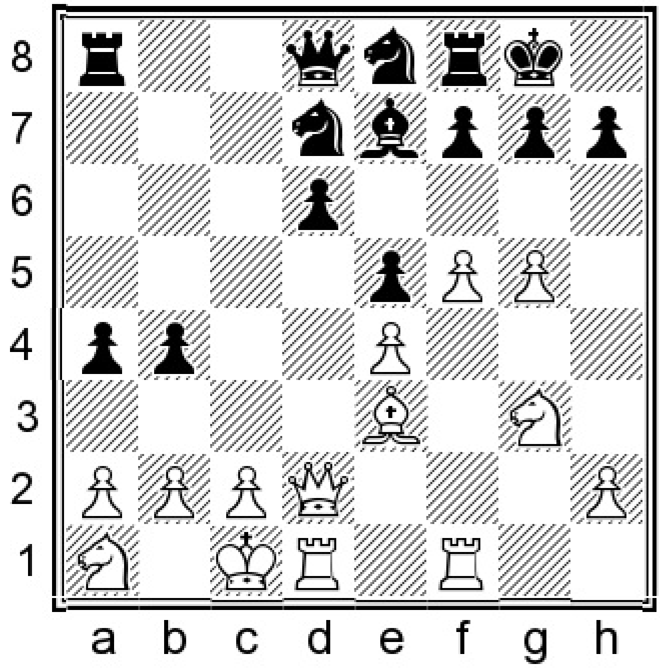


15...♗c4!? More or less a novelty. We do not have any high level classical time limit games here.

15...a4 has been tried in many top level classical time limit games.

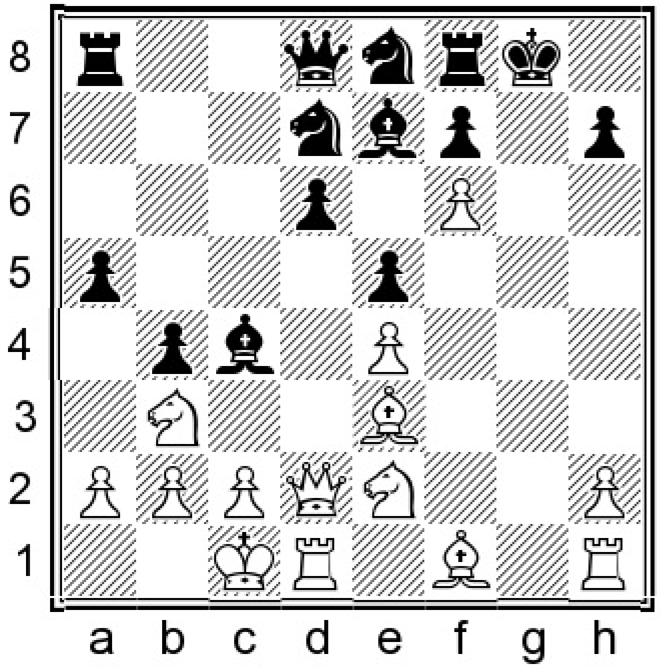
16.♔b1 Logical move vacating c1-square for knight retreat.

A bit less logical 16.♘g3 ♗xf1 17.♖hxf1 a4 18.♘a1



has been tried in internet game. Interesting enought my *Stockfish* 15 thinks white knight on a1 only to be temporary problem and after 18...a3 19.b3± gives clear advantage to White, as in *Hercules01* 2433 - *Kaputtze* 2478, playchess.com (Internet-rapid) 2007. It would be interesting to know as to what Alireza prepared in the case of 16.Ng3.

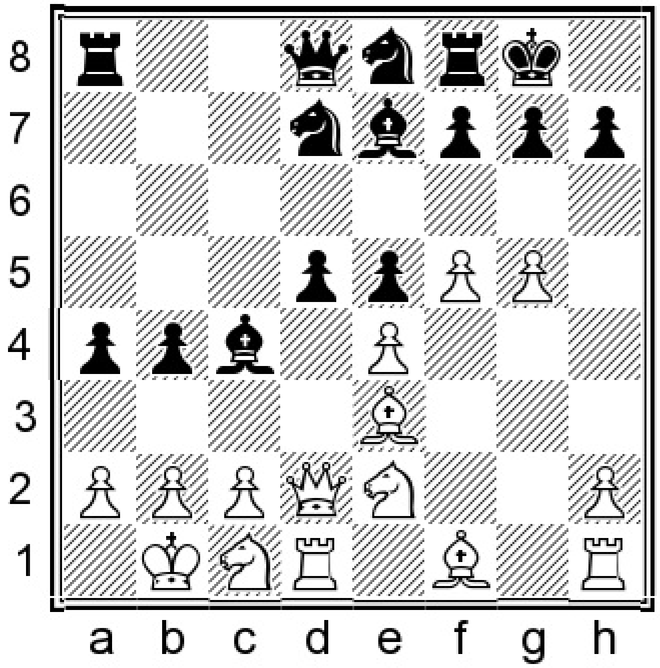
Straight forward 16.f6 looks dangerous for Black, however after 16...gxf6 17.gxf6



17...♘dxf6! now the same idea works less well (In the case of 17...♘exf6 18.♘ed4! is rather effective for White 18...♗xb3 (18...exd4 19.♗h6 ♔h8 20.♗xc4±) 19.♘c6 ♕e8 20.axb3± *Abeljusto* 2372 - *Sebi chess* 2419, playchess.com (Internet-rapid) 2006) 18.♘ed4 ♗xf1 19.♖dxf1 ♔h8∞ with not easy to assess position.

16...a4 17.♘bc1 Black opts for standard type counterplay.

17...d5!



18.f6!

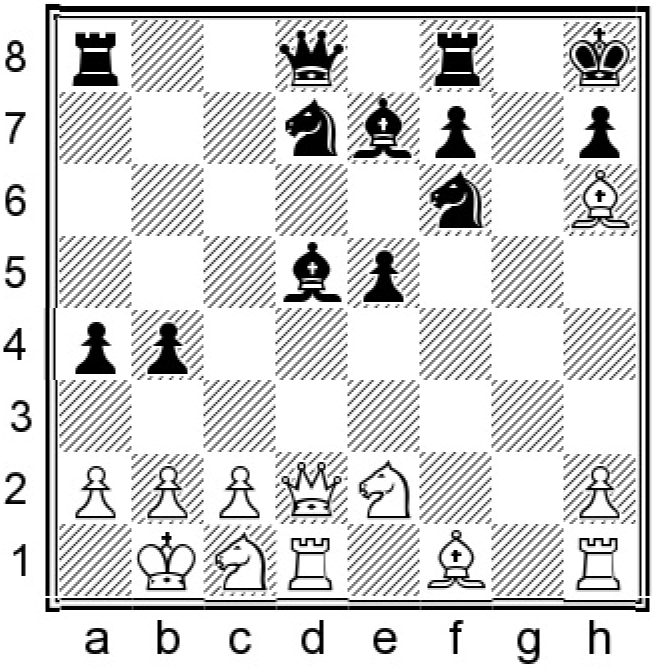
18.exd5 gives Black time to develop 18...♘d6∞ looks fine for Black, as after 19.f6 gxf6 White does not have a clear follow up.

18...gxf6 19.gxf6

19.♘g3→ looks promising for White.

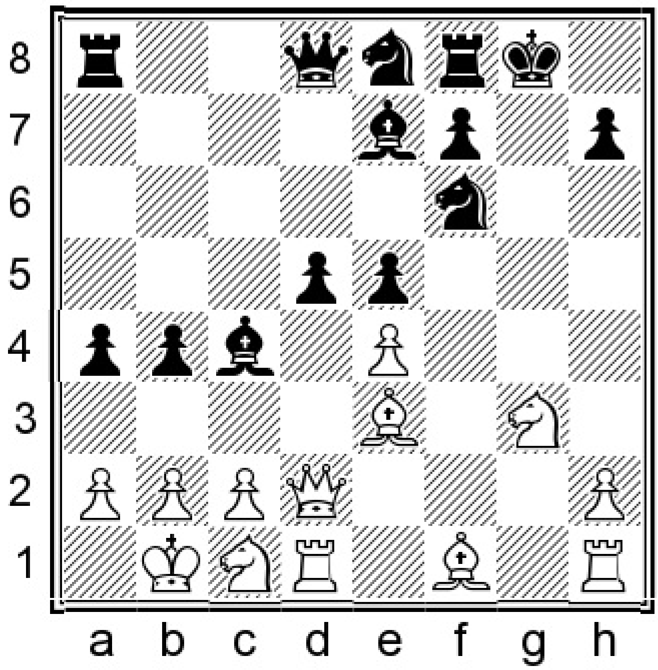
19...♘dxf6

The alternative was 19...♘exf6 and the position is complicated, and a possible (human) run of play can be 20.exd5 ♗xd5 21.♗h6 ♔h8



Now White can opt for 22.♖g1 ♖g8 23.♖xg8+ ♕xg8 24.♗h3 and after 24...♘f8 25.♘g3 ♗e6 White should be a bit better, but Black is likely holding.

20.♘g3 A critical moment!



20...♗xf1? Alireza most probably thought that losing his d5-pawn not to be a big deal, since the knight on d6 would be a good blockading piece. A wrong judgment (costing him the game). The bishop had to remain on c4 (to be able to recapture on d5).

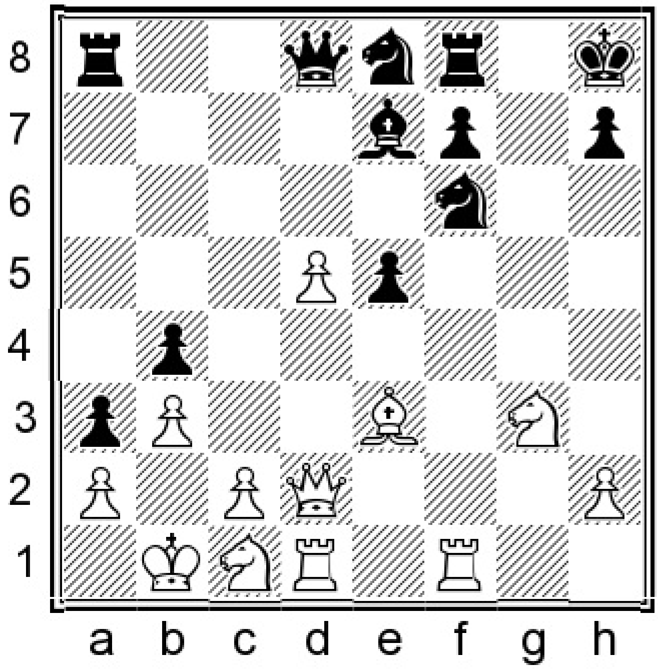
Black had to choose for either 20...♔h8 or 20...♘d6

21.♖hxf1± White is now clearly better.

21...a3

21...♘d6 22.exd5; 21...♔h8 22.exd5

22.b3 ♔h8 23.exd5



23...♘d6 This loses an important pawn, but there was no good advice for Black anymore.

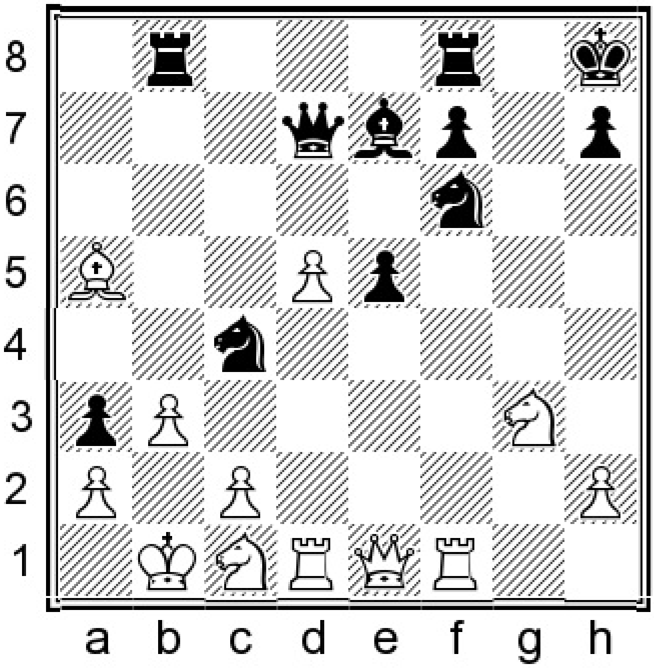
23...♕c7 runs into 24.♖xf6! ♗xf6 (24...♘xf6?? 25.d6) 25.♘d3! and White has a total domination. 25...♖c8 (25...♖d8 26.♘xb4+-) 26.♘xb4+-

24.♕xb4+- The game has been decided. White is up a pawn and has better position (and safer king).

24...♖c8

Black has no "clever jumps" as 24...♘f5? blunders into 25.d6+- ♗xd6 (25...♘xd6 26.♖xf6) 26.♖xd6

25.♗b6 ♕d7 26.♕e1 ♖b8 27.♗a5 ♘c4



Black has no real threats. White does not have to be precise and has different ways to "bring it home".

28.d6

28.♗c3+-

28...♗d8

28...♘xd6 29.♕xe5 ♖b5 30.♕a1 ♖xa5 31.♖xf6 ♔g8 32.♘f5+-

29.♗c3

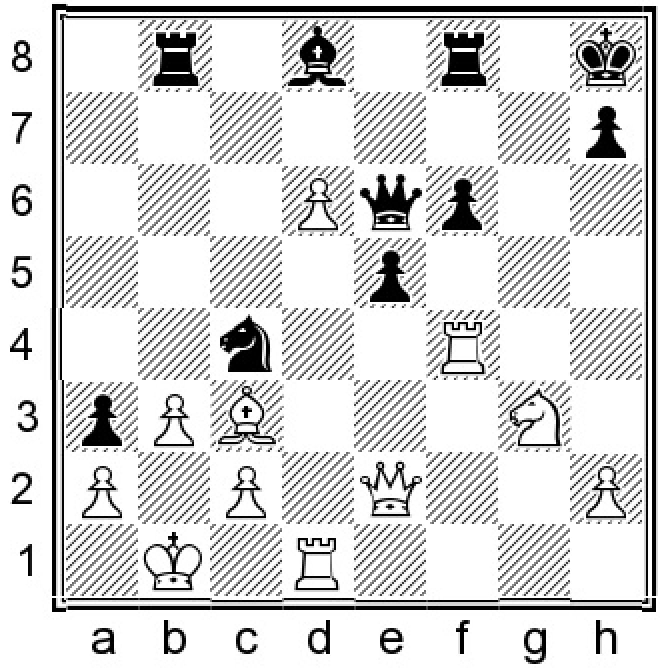
29.♗c7+-

29...♕e6 30.♘d3 ♘d5 31.♘f4

31.♗a1+- ♗a5 32.♕e4 ♘c3+ 33.♗xc3 ♗xc3 34.♘c5

31...♘xf4 32.♖xf4 f6 33.♕e2

33.d7+-



33...♘b2 Black's knight on b2 is not an attacking knight, it is more a "piece down knight". Nepo ends the game with a mating attack.

33...♘xd6 34.♗xe5+-

34.♖df1 ♖e8 35.♖h4 f5 36.♖xh7+ ♔xh7 37.♕h5+ ♔g8 38.♘xf5 ♗f6 39.♖g1+ Firouzja resigned due to the ensuing forced mate.

39.♖g1+ ♔f8 40.♕h6+ ♔f7 41.♖g7+

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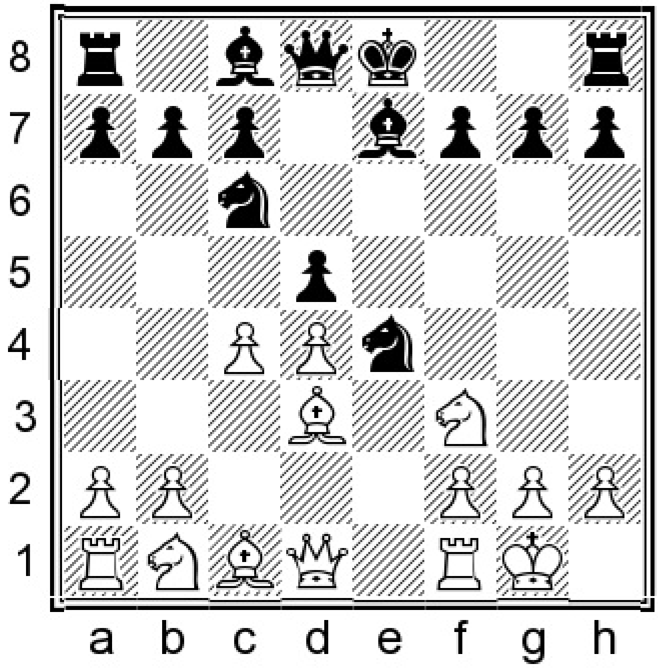
Nakamura, Hikaru (2760) - Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2766)
Madrid (ct), 2022

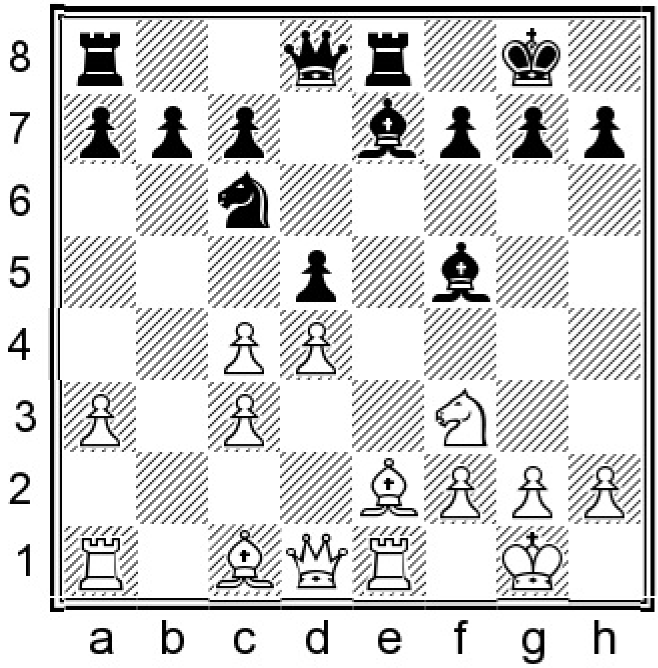
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.c4



8...♘b4

The main alternative 8...♘f6 usually leads to the isolated pawn type positions: 9.♘c3 O-O 10.h3 (Or 10.cxd5 ♘xd5 11.♗e4 ♗e6 12.♖e1) 10...♘b4 11.♗e2 dxc4 12.♗xc4 c6 13.♖e1 ♘bd5 The position ressembles QGA type positions, White likely standing a bit better.

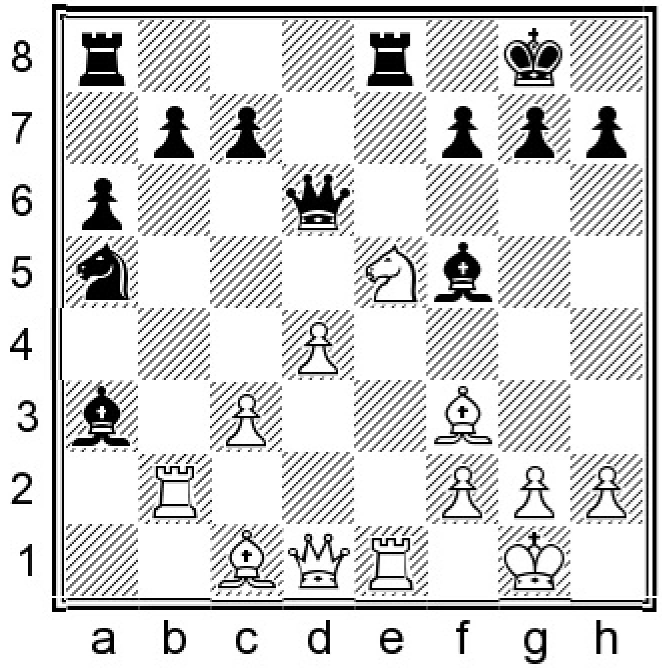
9.♗e2 O-O 10.♘c3 ♗f5 11.a3 ♘xc3 12.bxc3 ♘c6 13.♖e1 ♖e8 A well-known position. White now uses the plan tried (at the top level) at the USA Championship 2016 (Nakamura himself was successful with it vs Akobian).



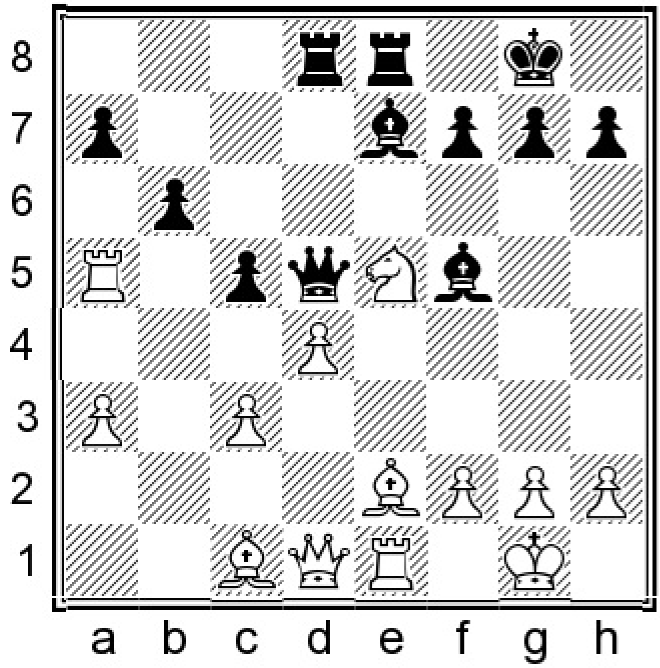
14.♖a2! A standard idea, in those positions. White is now ready to utilize his Ra1 in a better way. Nepo is well prepared, going for very little played (almost no games) continuation.

14...♗f8!

14...♘a5 Asking White to determine central pawn structure was (amongst others) Akobian's choice in his (mentioned) game vs Nakamura. 15.cxd5 ♕xd5 and now we see one of the main ideas of 14.Ra2 16.♖b2 In many lines White is ready to sacrifice his pawn on a3. 16...b6 This certainly does not solve Black's problems. Alternatives however do not equalize (for Black) either. (The alternative 16...a6 does not equalize after 17.♘e5 ♗xa3 18.♗f3 ♕d6



19.♖a2! ♗xc1 20.♖xa5↑ White gets his material back... and then some...; In the case of 16...c6 White has more than "just a compensation" after 17.♘e5! ♗xa3 18.♗f3 ♕d6 19.♖be2 ♗xc1 20.♕xc1↑ Nakamura,Hikaru 2787 - Akobian,Varuzhan 2615, USA (ch) 2016; 16...♘c4 lands Black in "fighting for a draw" position after a simple 17.♕b3 ♗e6 18.♕xc4 ♕xc4 19.♗xc4 ♗xc4 20.♖xb7 ♗d6 21.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 22.♗e3±) 17.♘e5! The b2-g8 diagonal becomes important, White gets (strong) tactical threats 17...♖ad8 (17...♗xa3? runs into 18.♖b5 ♕d6 19.♘xf7) 18.♖b5 (Improvement on White's play is 18.♗f4!± White keeps all the threats, while 18...♗xa3? runs into (standard) 19.♖b5) 18...c5 19.♖xa5

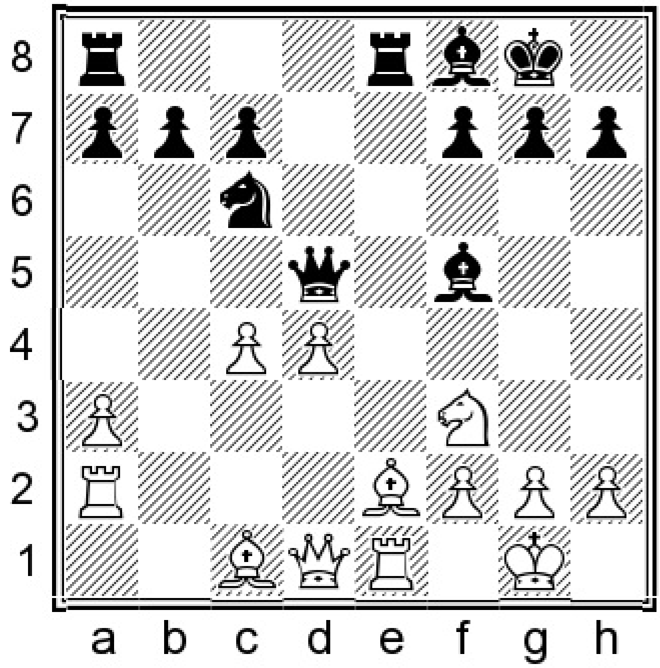


A critical moment! Better was 19...♕xe5! and Black should hold. (19...bxa5? 20.♗c4+- White had a winning attack in Grigoriants,Sergey 2561 - Nguyen, Ngoc Truong Son 2630, Riyadh (blitz) 2017)

Relatively new attempt (certainly deserving attention) is 14...dxc4!? 15.♗xc4 ♘a5 and Black gradually equalized, the game later drawn in Saric,Ivan 2616 - Mastrovasilis, Dimitrios 2580, Greece 2017

14...♗f6 has similar ideas to the ones in our main game, but than I would prefer Nepo's choice.

15.cxd5 ♕xd5 16.c4

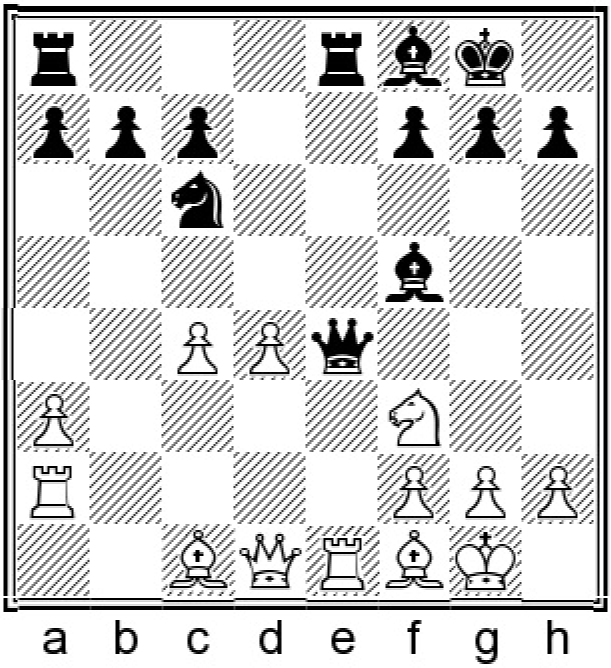


Good opening work by Nepo (or his team). Black is (most probably) not worse here, as is not easy for White to get his central pawns rolling. Most likely Nepo had a difficulty to fully reproduce/remember his analysis and went with his queen to a wrong side...

16...♕e4

16...♕d6 17.♖d2 ♖ad8 looks about equal as White has difficulty to achieve anything meaningful with his pawn centre. Black has good, dynamic play, e.g. 18.♗f1 ♗g4 19.♖xe8 ♖xe8 20.♗b2 b6= 21.h3 ♗xf3 22.♕xf3 ♖e1 23.♖d1 ♖xd1 24.♕xd1 g6 25.d5 ♗g7

17.♗f1 Now we have a tactical, easy to slip position...



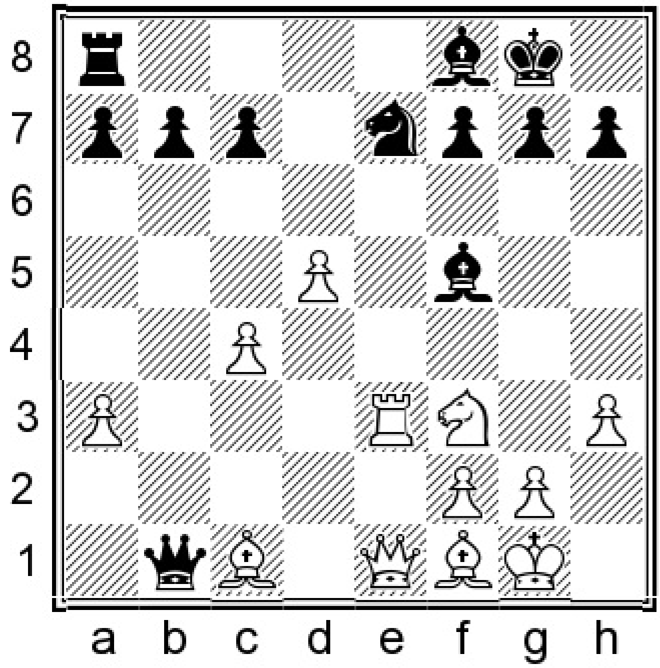
17...♕g4

Precise and holding equality was 17...♕b1! most logical for White (and likely the reason why Nepo not going for 17...Qb1!) is to grab the pawn on b7. 18.♖xe8 ♖xe8 19.♖b2 ♕a1 20.♖xb7 Black is active enough to hold the balance. 20...♗e4 21.♖xc7 ♗d6 22.♖d7 ♗xa3 - and tactical blows peter out in a drawn endgame. 23.♘d2 ♕xc1 24.♕xc1 ♗xc1 25.♘xe4 ♖xe4 26.d5 ♖e7 27.dxc6 ♖xd7 28.cxd7 ♗g5=

18.h3 Now White is better because the black queen is badly placed.

18...♖xe1 19.♕xe1 ♕e4 20.♖e2 ♕d3 21.♖b2 ♕e4 22.♖e2 ♕d3 White correctly declines move repetition.

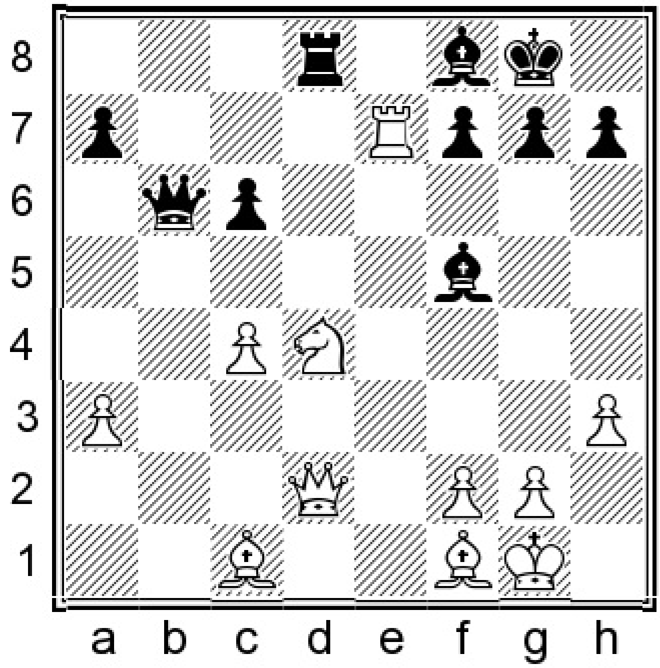
23.♖e3! ♕b1 24.d5 ♘e7



To win Candidates (next to great play) a bit of luck is needed! White has sizeable advantage here... Nakamura lets it slip!

25.♘d2

Considerably stronger was 25.♘d4! and after (the most logical) 25...♕b6 26.♕d2 Black is in deep trouble because he cannot "liberate" himself, as 26...c5 loses to 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.♖xe7+- and tactics work for White: 28...♖d8



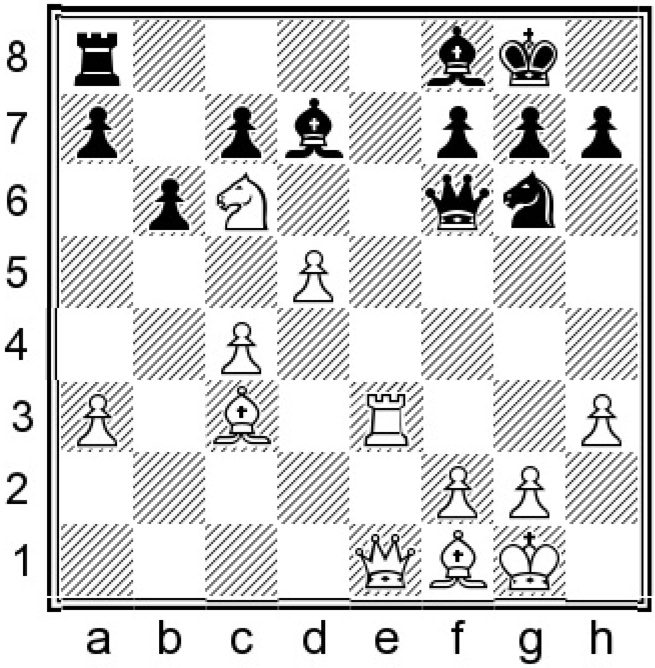
29.♖e8! ♖xd4 30.♕e3 Back rank pin proves fatal (for Black): 30...♗d7 31.♖a8 ♗e6 32.a4! c5 33.♗a3 ♖d8 34.♗xc5+-

25...♕a1 26.♘b3 White still stands better, but the worst is (likely) behind him.

26...♕f6 27.♗d2 ♘g6 28.♘a5 White's knight on c6 will be less strong then it may seem.

28.♗c3 was keeping advantage.

28...b6 29.♘c6 ♗d7 30.♗c3



30...♕d6

30...♕g5= was a better place for the black queen.

31.♗b4

Your computer engine will likely suggest 31.g3 ♗xc6 32.♗b4 ♕f6 33.dxc6 but humanly is here easy to understand Nakamura for "calling the day".

31...♕f6 32.♗c3 ♕d6 33.♗b4 ♕f6 34.♗c3 1/2-1/2

C82
Nakamura, Hikaru (2760) - Caruana, Fabiano (2783)
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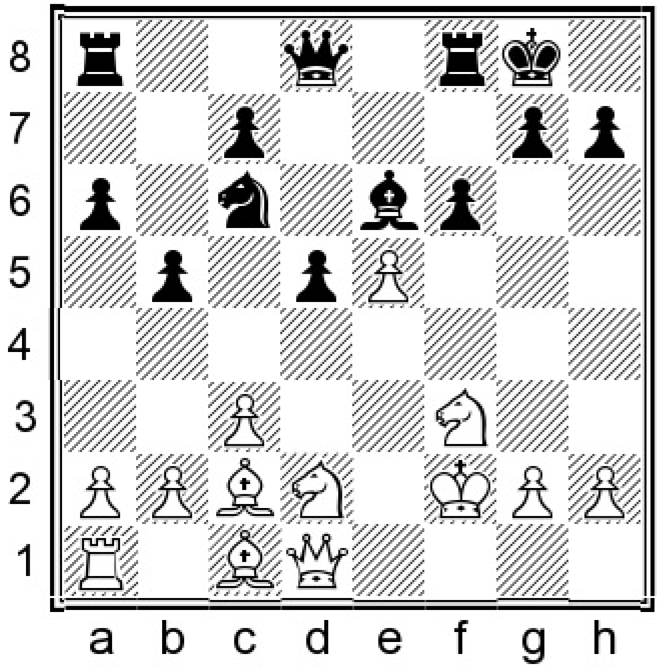
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.c3 ♗c5 10.♘bd2 O-O 11.♗c2 ♘xf2 12.♖xf2 ♗xf2+ 13.♔xf2 f6

A Popular (old) line leading to complex positions. For almost two decades this position was considered to be comfortable for Black (White players avoiding it) until a new (a bit out of the ordinary) idea became popular for White.



14.♘f1!? An unusual idea. White sacrifices a pawn to "improve" Black's centre!

14.exf6 ♕xf6 15.♘f1 ♘e5 was (for decades) considered to be main line reaching a final verdict "Black not being worse".

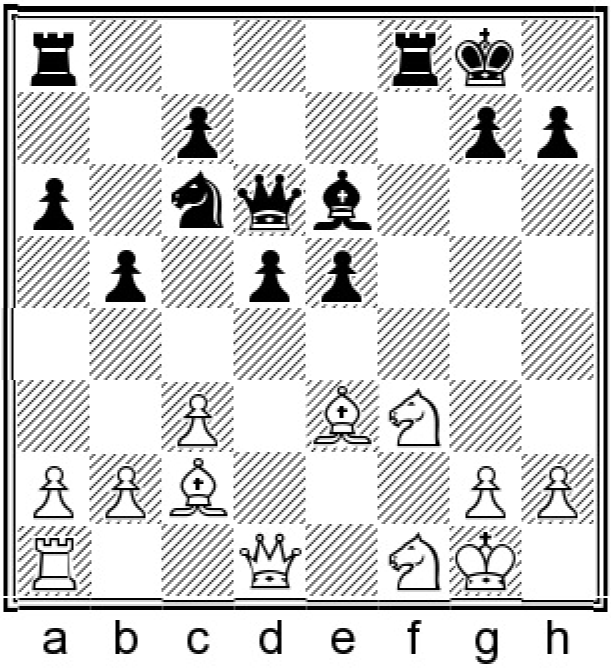
14...fxe5 15.♔g1 Black got a beautiful centre. However, it is pawn centre White is to target. Black will have to move one of his central pawns, thus giving White some squares (that is the strategic idea behind White's play).

15...♕d6 Placing the queen to d6 looks equally logical like 15....Qd7 and is considered to be one of two main Black's options here.

15...♗g4 is no longer popular because after 16.♘e3! Black's best is to retreat his bishop: 16...♗e6 (Arguably more logical 16...♗xf3 17.gxf3 gives White good attacking chances.)

Nakamura goes for the critical **16.♗e3!**

White tried at the top level but did not get opening advantage with 16.♘g3 or 16.♘g5



16...♗f5! Probably Black's best.

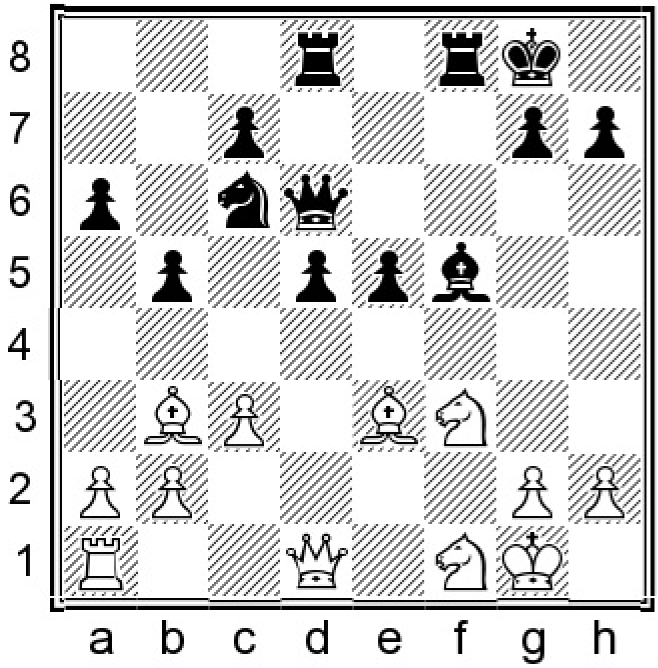
Alternatives do not equalize for Black. 16...♗g4? is a tactical blunder: 17.♗xh7+! ♔h8 (17...♔xh7 18.♘g5++-) 18.♕e1! ♗xf3 (18...♔xh7 19.♕h4++-) 19.♕h4+-;

16...♔h8 17.♘g5! ♗g8 18.♕h5→ looks good for White.

Caruana knows this position very well and has tried it on the White side vs Jorden van Foreest in Wijk aan Zee January this year. Jorden went for 16...♖ad8 and after 17.♕e1 ♗f5 White needed to chose as to wheather or not to trade the bishops. Caruana did not take the best decision. # Stronger (and likely planned by Nakamura) was 18.♗b3! Logical line of play is (18.♗xf5 ♖xf5 and now the position is about equal. 19.♖d1 h6 (19...♖df8) 20.♗f2 ♖f7 21.♗g3 ♕c5+ 22.♗f2 ♕d6 and soon a draw was agreed in Caruana,Fabiano 2792 - Van Foreest,Jorden 2702, Wijk aan Zee 2022 ? 152/ (130)) 18...♘a5 19.♕f2! ♘b7 20.♖e1 c6 (In the case of 20...♗g4 White has excellent attacking chances after 21.♕g3! ♗xf3 22.gxf3 - black king is not safe here!) 21.♘g3 White should be better here.

16...h6 Black stops Ng5 jump. However, White continues 17.♗f2! and the bishop is no longer under the ...d4-push tempo, square e3 is vacated for a knight, and bishop can transfer to g3. White targets Black's centre and stands better.

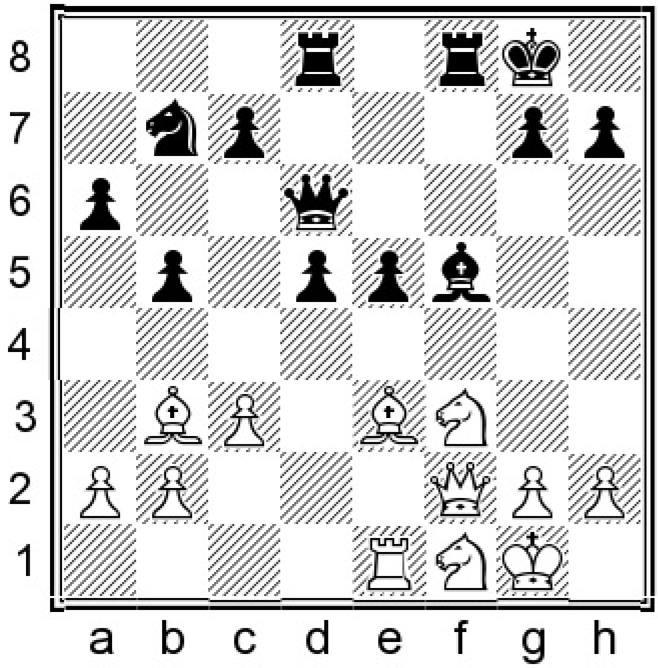
17.♗b3 ♖ad8 White regroups to target the black centre trying not to allow Black to consolidate.



18.♕e1! ♘a5 19.♕f2!→ ♘b7

White has a large advantage in the case of 19...♘xb3? 20.axb3 ♖f7 21.♗c5+-

20.♖e1



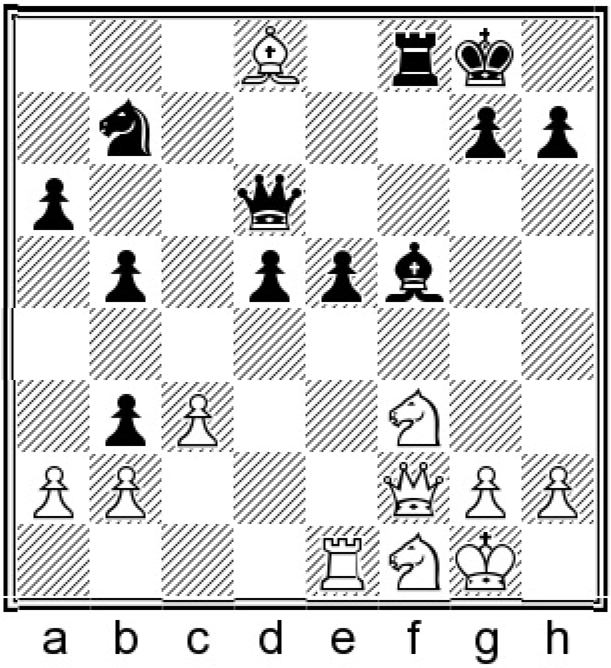
20...c5! Principled decision. Central pawns are there to be pushed!

While in the case of 20...♗g4?! White has excellent attacking chances after (standard idea in this line) 21.♕g3! ♗xf3 22.gxf3→;

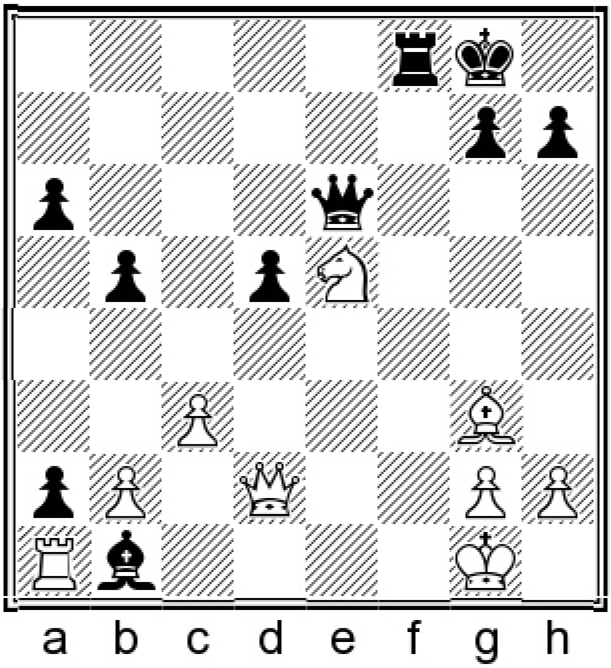
20...c6 21.♘g3 should be better for White.

One of the critical moments from the aspect of opening theory!**21.♘g3**

White had (critical) alternative in 21.♗g5!? forcing Black to sacrifice material. 21...c4! (21...♖de8? is bad due to simple 22.♖xe5! and Black cannot recapture: 22...♖xe5 23.♗f4 ♖fe8 24.♘xe5 ♖xe5 25.♕g3+-) 22.♗xd8 cxb3



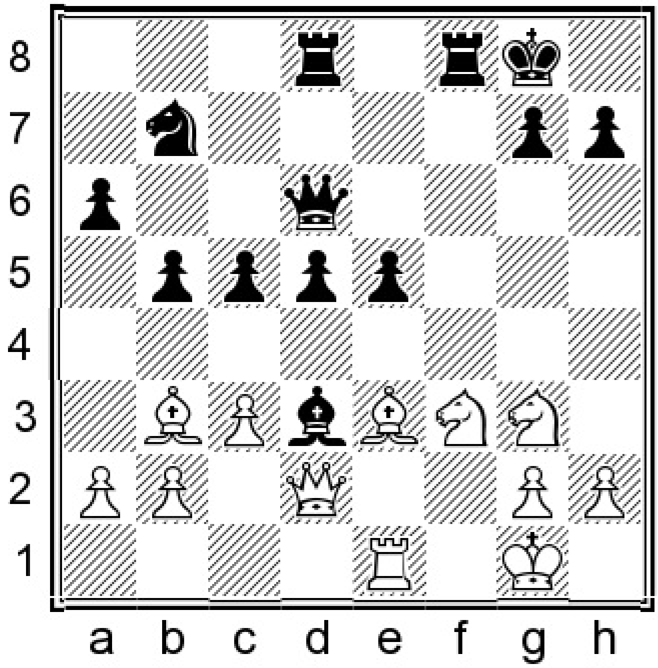
Black gets dangerous passed pawn. White's best bishop retreat is 23.♗h4! and after 23...bxa2 24.♖a1 ♗b1 we get the position difficult to assess for a human. Very likely Fabiano (& his team) worked this out to equality. Next few moves are likely best mutual play 25.♕a7! ♕g6! (25...♘a5?? 26.♗e7) 26.♘xe5 (26.♘1d2 ♘a5∞) 26...♕e6 27.♗g3 ♘a5 28.♘d2 ♘c4 29.♕d4 ♘xd2 30.♕xd2



White will have to (with his rook) take the black bishop on b1 ending B + N vs R + P positions.

White is likely a bit better, quite likely Caruana worked this out to a draw.

21...♗d3 22.♕d2



Black needs to push his c- or e- pawn and that is not an easy decision!

22...c4

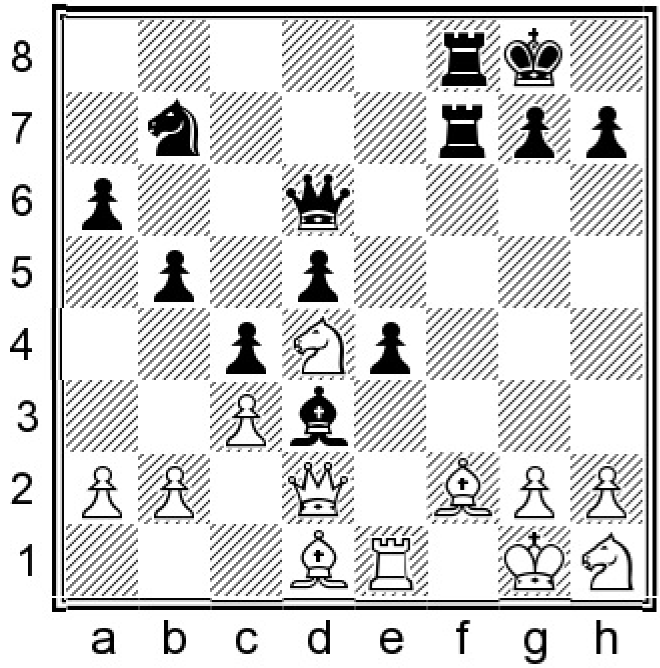
22...e4 is definitely (critical) alternative.

23.♗d1 ♖d7 24.♗f2

24.b4!? is the alternative (limiting the black knight, while not being worried about the d4-push).

24...♖df7 25.♘h1! Backward knight moves are never easy!

25...e4 26.♘d4



26...♕g6?! Start of Black's troubles.

26...♘c5 was perhaps more logical, as Black should not be worried about 27.b4 Black having good counterplay after. 27...cxb3 28.axb3 a5∞

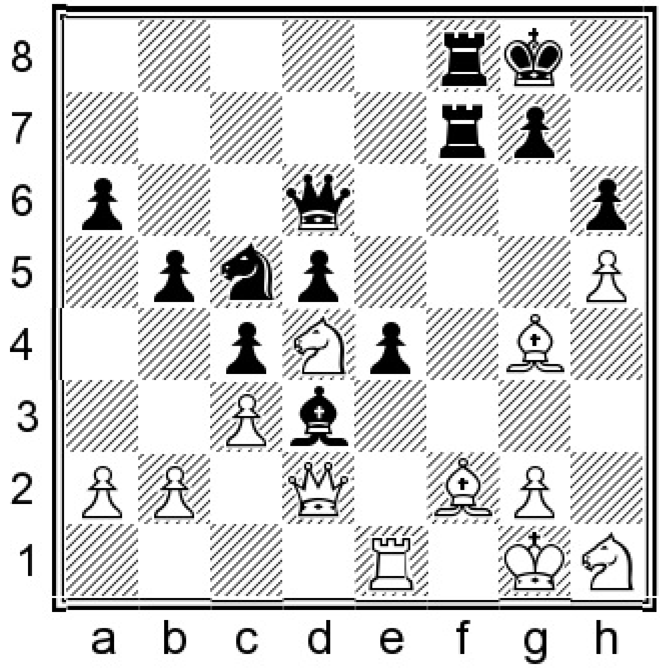
27.h4! Asking an unpleasant question!

27...♘c5?!

For better or worse 27...h5! needed to be played.

28.h5! Black is now in a serious trouble (in higher sense likely lost position)!

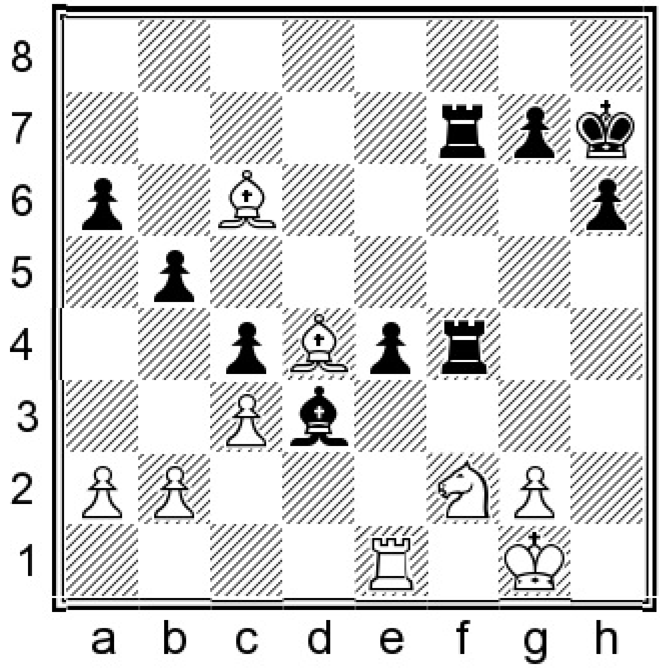
28...♕d6 29.♗g4 h6



30.♕e3!+- White's bishops are controlling the board. Black is forced into bad/lost endgame.

30...♕f4 31.♕xf4 ♖xf4 32.♘e6 ♘xe6 33.♗xe6+ ♔h7 34.♗xd5+- White has a full domination.

34...♖8f5 35.♗c6 ♖xh5 36.♗d4 ♖hf5 37.♘f2 ♖f7



38.b4

Nakamura wants to start collecting Black's pawns under the best circumstances. Quite convincing looked the prosaic 38.♗xe4+ ♗xe4 39.♘xe4+-

38...h5

Two bishops will dominate the black rook in the case of 38...e3 39.♗xe3 ♖e7 40.♘xd3 cxd3 41.♗xf4

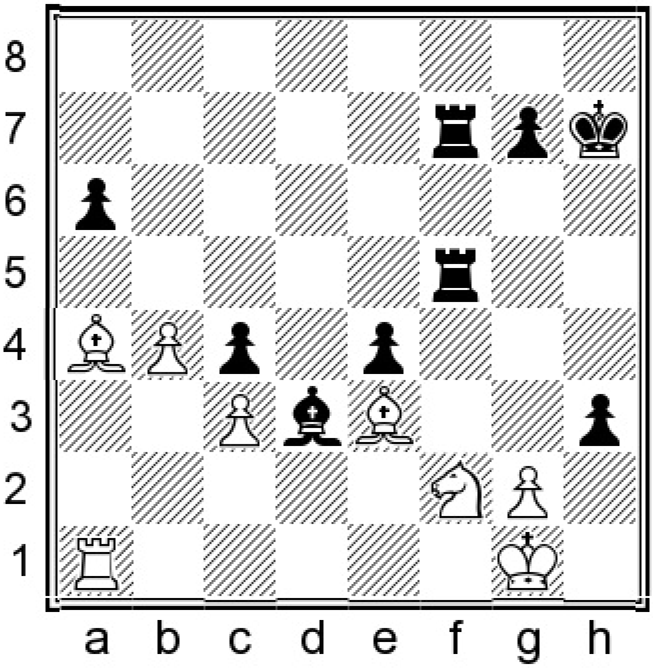
♖xe1+ 42.♔f2 ♖e2+ 43.♔f3+-

39.a4

39.♗e8+-

39...bxa4 40.♗xa4 h4 Time control has been reached, the white bishops continue to dominate.

41.♗e3 ♖4f5 42.♖a1 h3



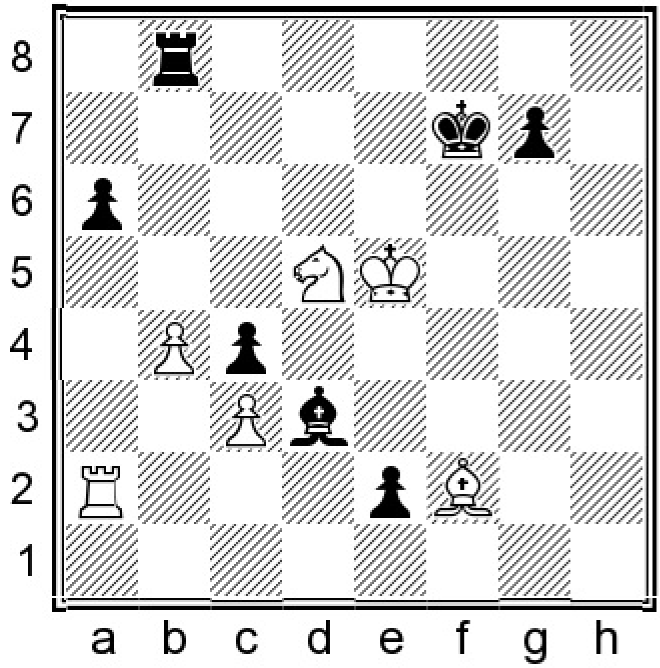
43.♖a2!

43.♘xh3 ♖f1+ 44.♖xf1 ♖xf1+ 45.♔h2 ♖e1=

43...hxg2 44.♗d1! White easily keeps improving his position, while Black remains passive.

44...♖7f6 45.♗g4 ♖d5 46.♔xg2 ♖g6 47.♔g3 ♗f1 48.♗d4 ♗d3 49.♔f4 ♔g8 50.♗f5 ♖h6 51.♘g4 ♖hd6 52.♘e3 ♖b5 53.♗c5 ♖f6 54.♔e5 ♔f7 55.♘d5 Forcing Black to give an exchange.

55...♖xf5+ 56.♔xf5 e3+ 57.♔e5 e2 58.♗f2 ♖b8



It was a long game. Nakamura perfectly understands that he has a winning position, but wants to win it without any further calculation allowing Black to almost escape.

59.♗e1

59.♖xa6 was winning as White's b-pawn is too strong after 59...♖e8+ 60.♔d4 e1=♕ 61.♗xe1 ♖xe1 (61...♖e4+ 62.♔c5 ♖xe1 63.♖a7+ ♔g6 64.b5+-) 62.♖a7+ ♔g6 63.b5+-

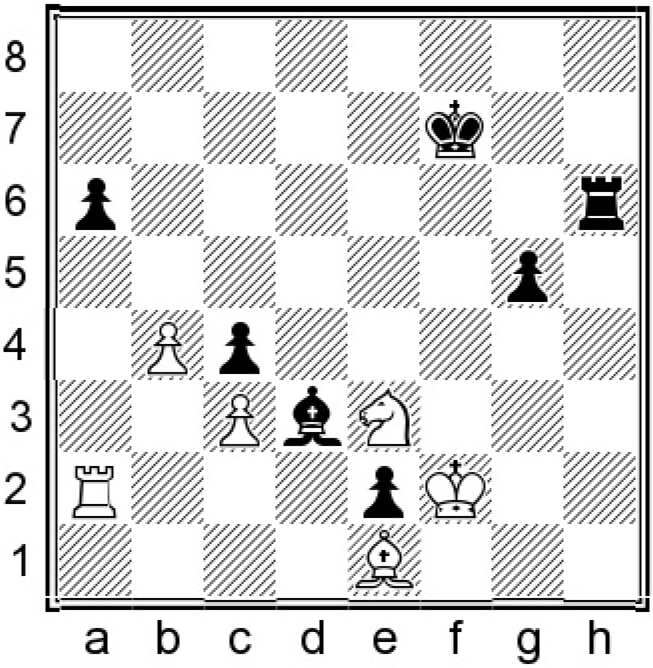
59...♖e8+ 60.♔f4

60.♔d4! was more precise. 60...♖e6 61.♘c7+-

60...g5+! 61.♔g3 ♖e6 62.♔f2 ♖h6 63.♔e3 ♖e6+ Black got counterplay. **64.♔f2**

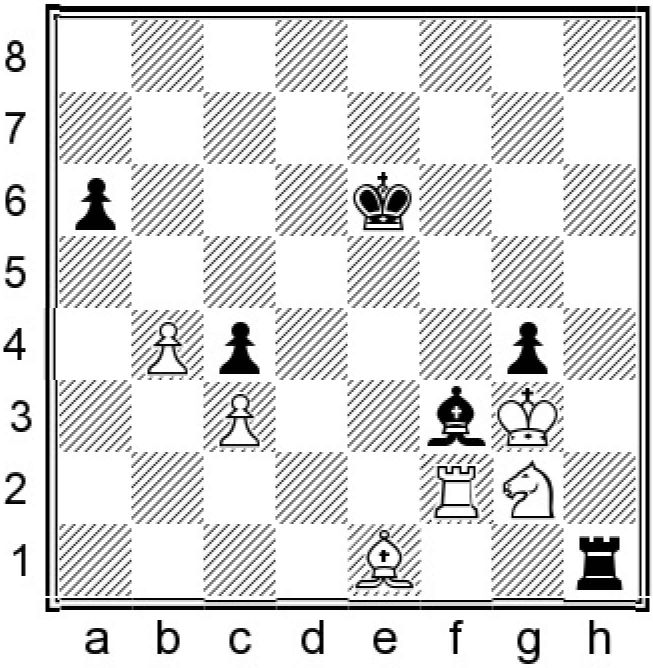
64.♔d2?? ♖d6=

64...♖h6 65.♘e3



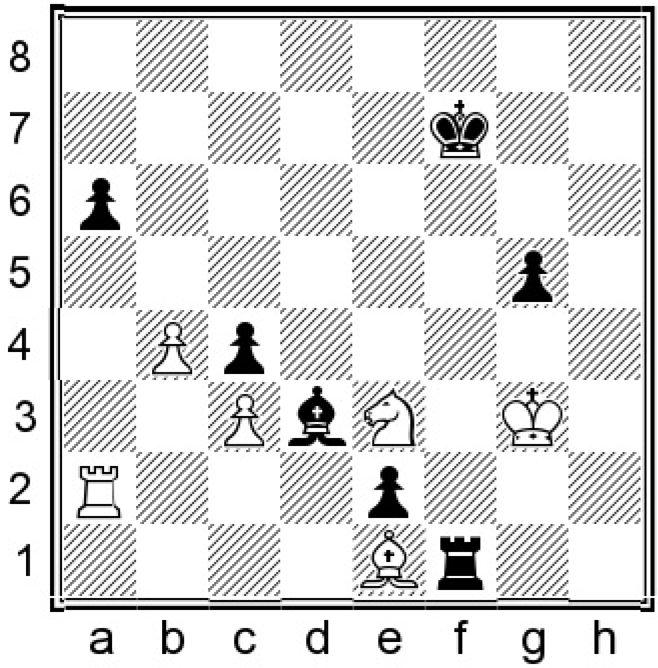
65...♖f6+

Black could have struggled on with 65...♖h1! 66.♘g2 g4! 67.♔g3 (67.♖xa6 ♖h3!=) 67...♗e4! (67...♖g1 68.♗f2!+- ♖c1 (68...♖f1 69.♘e1) 69.♗e1) 68.♖xe2 ♗f3 and White is forced to give an exchange 69.♖f2 ♔e6



70.♖xf3! gxf3 71.♔xf3 Black has survival chances.

66.♔g3 ♖f1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67.♘g2!+- Now White retains domination.

67...♖f6 68.♗f2! ♔g6 69.♖a5 ♖e6 70.♘e1! ♗f5 71.♘f3 White has a total domination, so Black soon suffers decisive material loses.

71...♖d6 72.♘d4 ♗d3 73.♖e5 ♔f6 74.♘f3 1-0

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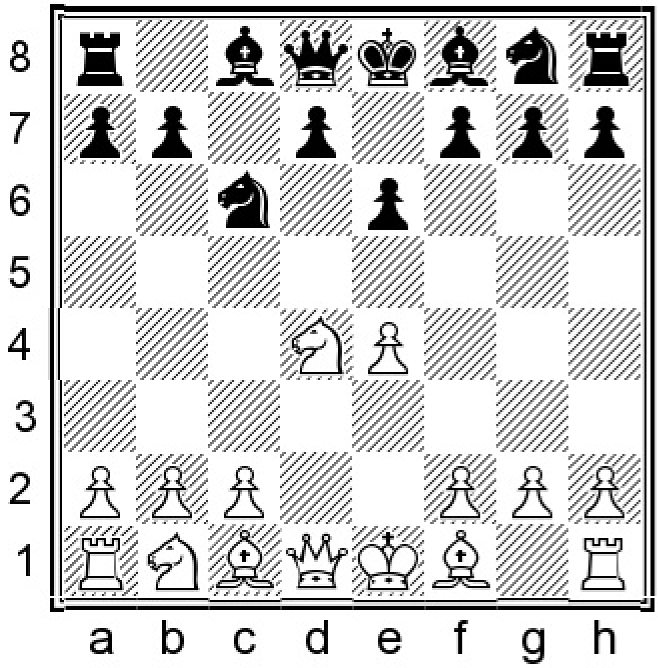
B44
Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2750) - Rapport, Richard (2764)
Madrid (ct), 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 At the very early stage of the game we can still see (more or less) novelties confirming that even for the talented ones there is still a lot to be discovered!

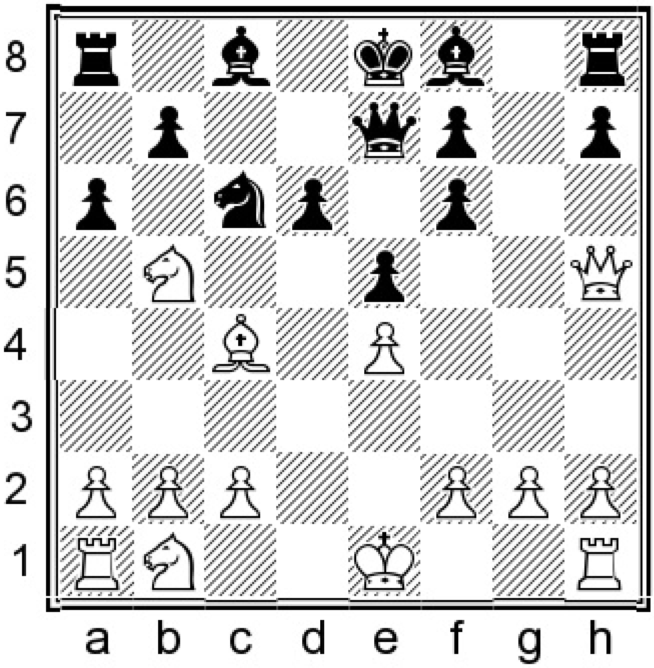


5.♗f4!? Interesting enough at the high level this idea has already been tried and guess by who? Richard Rapport himself! Now sitting on the black side Richard quickly gets in a serious trouble.

White wants to get favourable version (tempo up) of the old line 5.♘b5 d6 6.♗f4 e5 7.♗e3 ♘f6 8.♗g5 In our situation (see comment on 5...Nf6) we get this position with White to move. 8...♗e6

5...d6

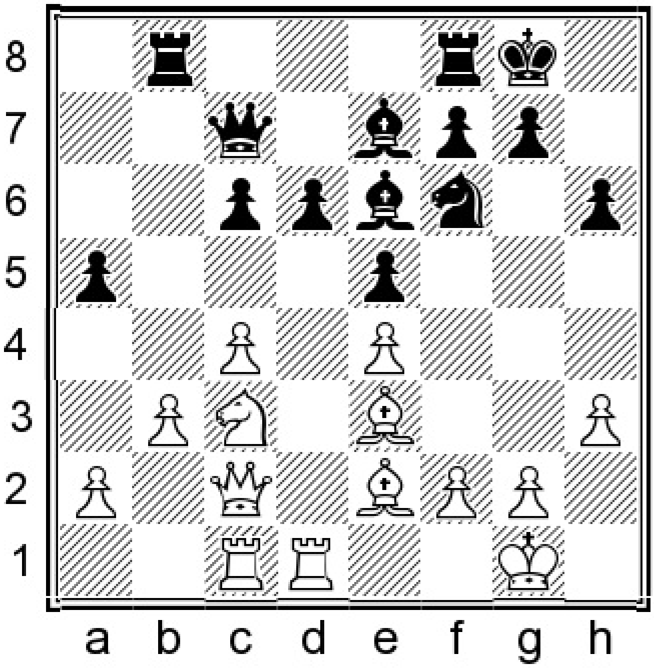
Dream scenario for White was seen in internet game 5...♘f6? 6.♘b5 e5 7.♗g5 compared to above (comment to 5.Nb5), White simply won a tempo. 7...d6 (Black is also in trouble in case of 7...♗c5 8.♘1c3 h6 9.♗e3) 8.♗xf6 gxf6 9.♗c4 (9.♘d2 promises White easy positional advantage.) 9...a6? - typical internet game blunder. (Better was 9...♖g8) 10.♕h5! ♕e7



11.♗xf7+! Now Black loses "a house"! 11...♛xf7 12.♘c7+ ♔e7 13.♘d5+ ♔e8 14.♘xf6+ ♔e7 15.♘d5+ ♔e8 16.♘c7+ ♔e7 17.♕h4+ (Simple material grab 17.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 18.♘xa8+- was doing the job too.) 17...♔d7 18.♘xa8+- Hakobyan,Aram 2601 - Matlakov,Maxim 2674, chess.com (Internet-rapid) 2022

6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.♗d3

7.c4 was previously played (by Rapport as White!) and also seems to lead to some plus for White. 7...♖b8 (Alternative 7...e5 8.♗e3 ♘f6 9.♘c3 ♗e7 10.♗e2 O-O 11.O-O also leads to positions White is happy to get. With 7...Rb8 Caruana probably wanted to stop b4 push ideas.) 8.♕c2 e5 9.♗e3 ♘f6 10.♘c3 ♕c7 11.♗e2 ♗e7 12.O-O O-O 13.♖ac1 ♗e6 14.b3 h6 15.h3 a5 16.♖fd1



We have a type of position White is happy to reach. White has more space, as Black does not really have any counterplay. White was better though Black held to a draw in Rapport,Richard 2763 - Caruana,Fabiano 2806, Saint Louis 2021 - 149/40

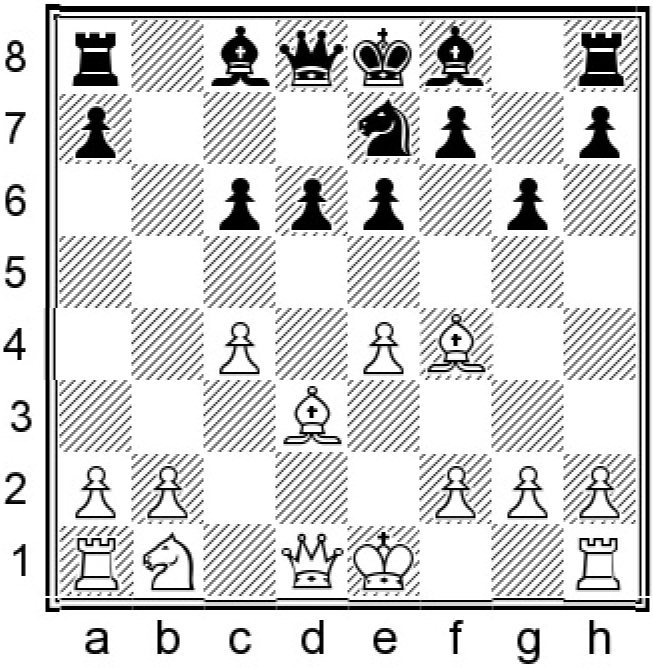
7...♘e7

7...♖b8?! is a waste of time because after 8.O-O ♖xb2?! 9.♘d2↑ looks (least to say) risky for Black.

8.c4 Critical moment! Usually tactically (very) alert Rapport makes a serious mistake.

8...g6? Richard likely blundered something calculating White's pawn break.

Better was 8...c5 with ...Nc6 to follow.



9.c5! Now White is close to be having winning advantage. Black does not have a good answer to this pawn break.

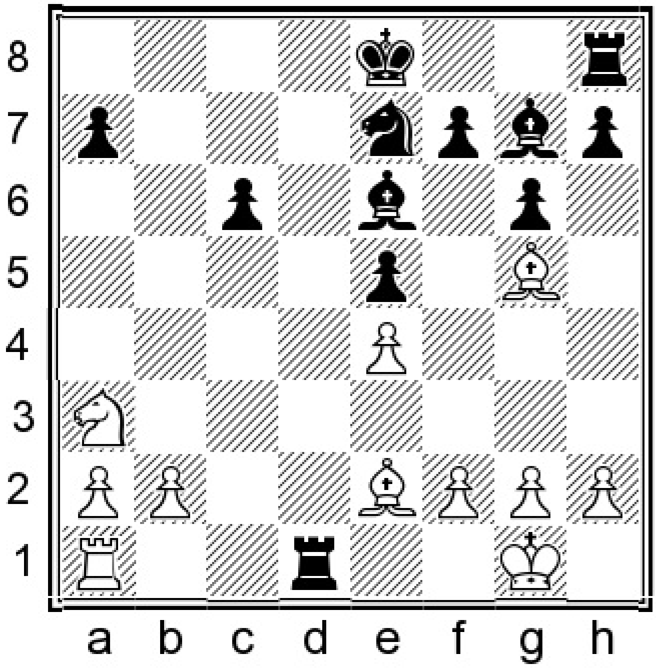
9...e5

9...dxc5 10.♗e5 looks terrible for Black.

9...♕a5+ 10.♘d2 e5 11.♗g5 ♕xc5 also looks bad as is obvious that after 12.♗f6 ♖g8 13.O-O± Black cannot develop and White has considerably more than a compensation.

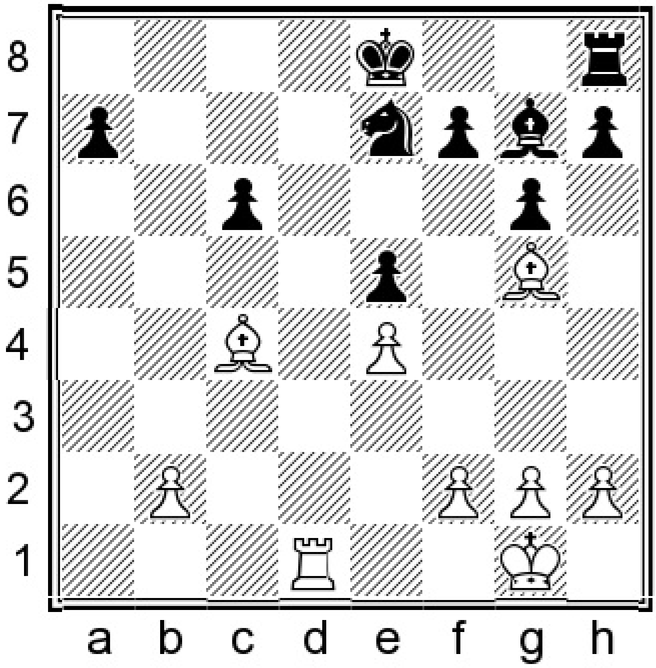
10.♗g5 ♗g7 11.cxd6 ♕xd6 12.O-O ♗e6 Black wants to play ...Rd8 forcing a queen trade. Black's problem is that (even) after a queen trade his still cannot easily develop while his weak queenside pawns are easy targets.

13.♘a3 ♖d8 14.♗e2 ♕xd1 15.♖fxd1 ♖xd1+ Critical moment!

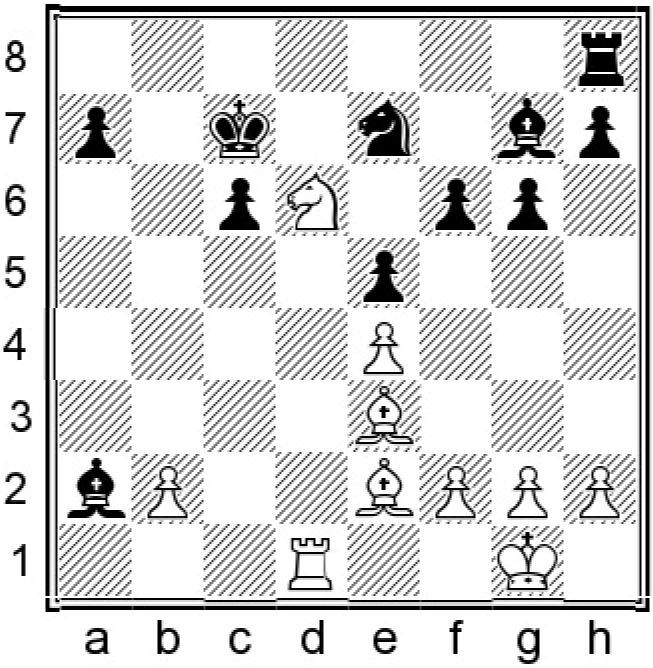


16.♗xd1

Much stronger was 16.♖xd1! for a price of one small pawn White makes sure that Black cannot complete his development. Black is in a terrible shape here so perhaps the best is to grab a pawn 16...♗xa2 and now White has a choice between A fancy (computer engine) line: 17.♘b5 (Human option: 17.♘c4 also wins as after 17...♗xc4 (17...f6 18.♗e3) 18.♗xc4+-



Black still cannot develop and is likely to lose both of his queenside pawns.) 17...f6 18.♘d6+ ♔d7 19.♗e3 ♔c7 The black pieces coordinate poorly.



20.♘b7! ♗f7 and now my *Stockfish* 15 increases pressure with calm (20...♖b8 21.♘c5+-) 21.b4!+-

16...♔d7± White (based on pawn structure) still has a clear advantage, but Black does finish his development and is starting to stabilize.

17.♗e2 ♘c8 18.♖d1+ ♔c7 19.♗c4 ♗g4! 20.f3 f6 21.♗e3 ♗d7= Game continued for another 40 moves and Black managed to save. This first round Duda not seizing on an excellent opportunity clearly indicated that this event will not be one of his strongest.

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GM RICHARD RAPPORT

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C54
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2766) - Caruana, Fabiano (2783)
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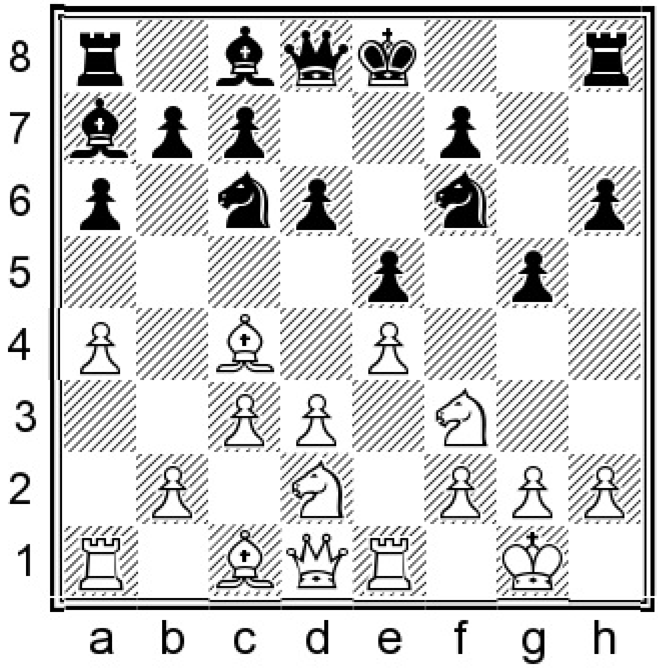
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.O-O d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 ♗a7 8.♖e1 Black opts for an aggressive plan often seen in "modern Italian treatment".

8...h6 9.♘bd2 g5



Nepo had this position (as White) in one of his earlier games and (just like before) he choses what is here considered to be the "main line".

10.b4

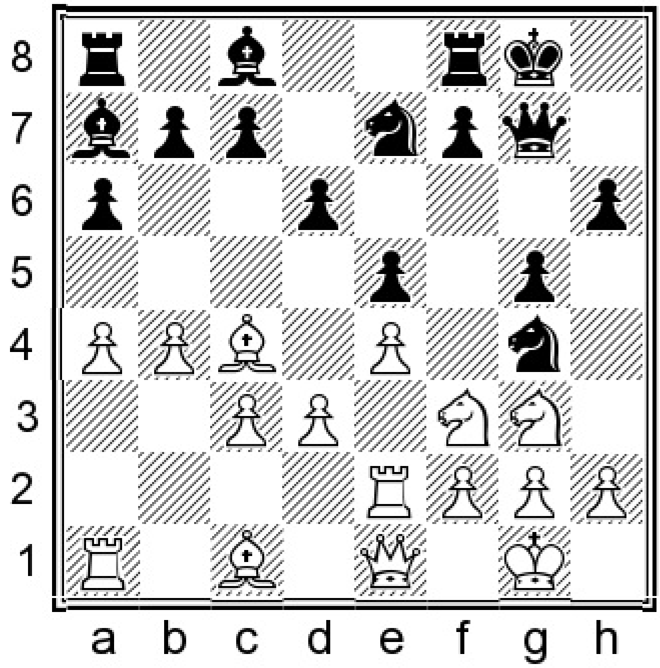
Less played alternative is 10.♘f1 which may result in interesting pawn sacrifice after 10...g4 11.♘h4! ♘xe4 12.dxe4 ♕xh4 13.♗e3=∞ White has compensation for a pawn but probably not more, as in Anand,Viswanathan 2770 - Wei,Yi 2694, Leon (rapid-m/3) 2016

10...♘g4!?N A novelty according to my database.

In previous games Black has tried all other knight jumps. 10...♘e7 with ...Ng6 to follow, as in Nepomniachtchi, Ian 2773 - Grischuk,Alexander 2742, chess.com (Internet-rapid) 2022 or 10...♘h7 or 10...♘h5 as in Karjakin,Sergey 2760 - Carlsen,Magnus 2837, London 2017

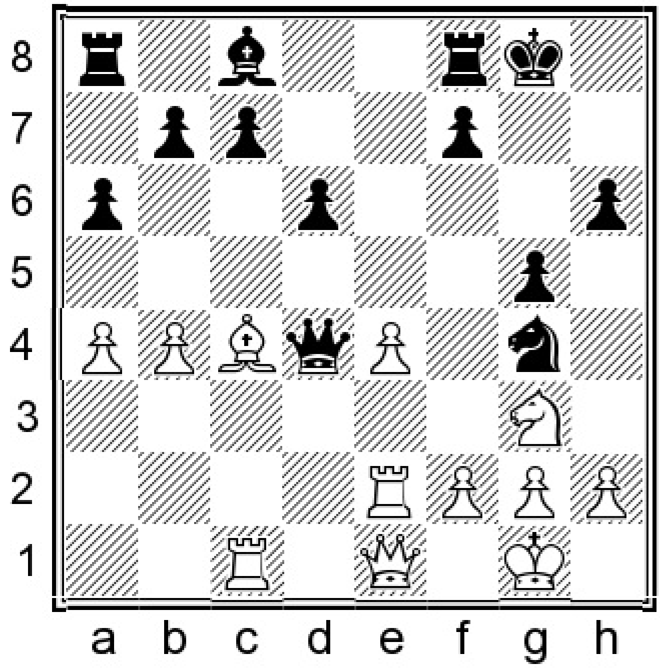
11.♖e2 ♕f6 Aggressive play by Black, 12...Nf2 being a threat.

12.♕e1 ♕g7 13.♘f1 O-O 14.♘g3 ♘e7 Black wants ...Kh8 with ...f5 to follow. White sacrifices a pawn trying to take advantage of potentially vulnerable black king position.



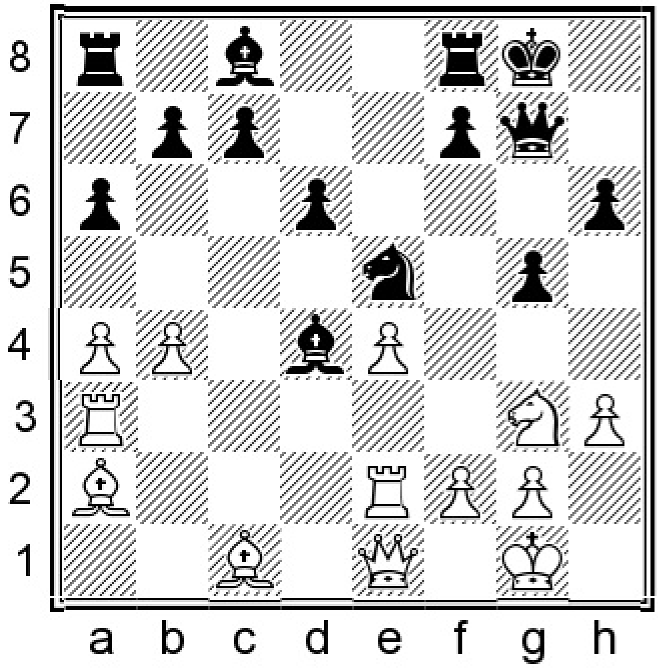
15.d4! exd4 16.cxd4 ♘c6 17.♖a3 A standard rook lift, getting ready to swing to the kingside at good moment.

White, however, had quite a good alternative in 17.♗b2 Black (just like in the game) has to grab a pawn. 17...♘xd4 18.♗xd4 ♗xd4 19.♘xd4 ♕xd4 20.♖c1



White's pieces coordinate well, White has c-file pressure, while the black king is vulnerable. White has enough compensation for a pawn, but perhaps not more.

17...♘xd4 18.♘xd4 ♗xd4 19.h3 ♘e5 20.♗a2



It could be that Nepo overestimated his attacking potential. Caruana starts counterplay on the side where he is stronger (not caring too much about his potentially vulnerable king)!

20...c5! 21.bxc5 ♝xc5

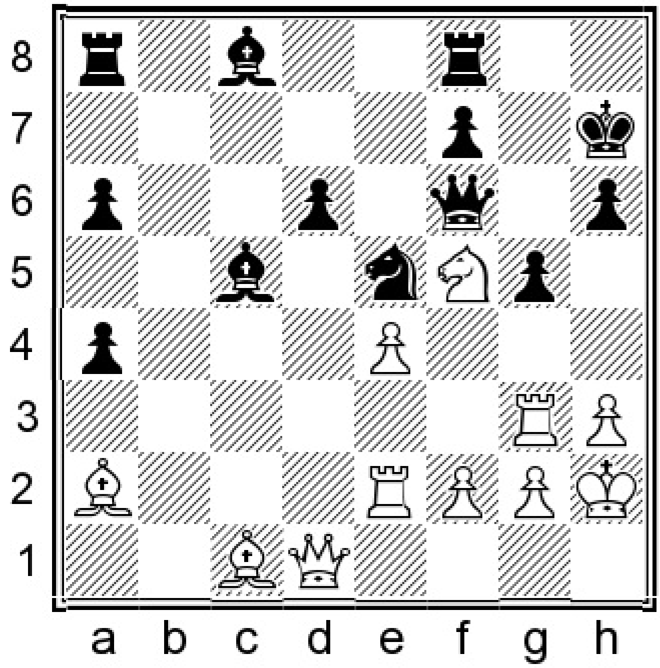
21...dxc5!? was definitely an alternative.

22.♖b3

Interesting idea for White was to ignore threat to his rook and improve his queen position by playing 22.♕d1!? with good attacking chances.

22...b5! Principled and strong! Black's counterplay on the queenside is soon to become a headache for White. Most likely Black is already better!

23.♘f5 ♛f6 24.♔h2 bxa4! 25.♖g3 ♚h7 26.♕d1



26...♗d7

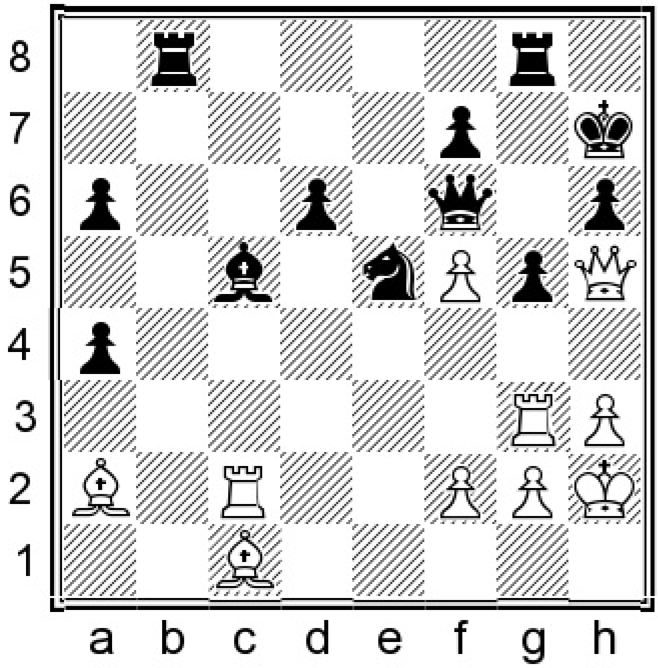
Black had an interesting alternative involving an exchange sacrifice. 26...♗xf5 27.exf5 ♖ac8! (27...♖ab8 28.♕xa4) 28.♗b2 (Pawn on a4 is for the time being taboo 28.♕xa4? ♗xf2; 28.♗d5 ♖c7) 28...♖b8! (28...♖c7 29.♕xa4) 29.♕c2 ♖xb2! 30.♕xb2 a3∓ Technically we have material equality, but the black pieces are well coordinated while black king is very safe.

27.♖c2?

27.♘e3 was necessary with some compensation.

27...♗xf5! 28.exf5 Since the white rook is placed on c2, now (compared to previous lines) the black pawn on a4 does not hang.

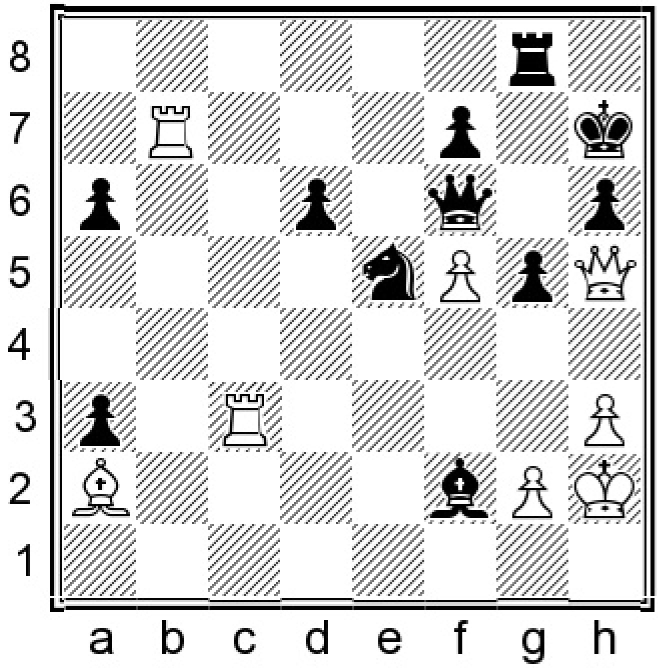
28...♖ab8∓ 29.♕h5 ♖g8



White does not have real attack. **30.♗b2**

Now Caruana made an expensive mistake! **30...♖ge8?**

Correct decision was to sacrifice an exchange 30...♖xb2! 31.♖xb2 a3∓ Most likely, Fabiano was worried about falling under attack after 32.♖b7 (32.♖e2 ♖b8-+ with ...Rb2 to follow is large/ winning advantage for Black.) 32...♗xf2! 33.♖c3



It turns out that the white king is the vulnerable one after 33...d5!-+ and Black has winning advantage. 34.♖cc7 (34.♗xd5?? ♕d6) 34...♔h8 35.♗xd5 - now the most direct win is 35...♘g4+ (35...g4-+ also wins.) 36.♕xg4 (White is immediately mated in case of 36.hxg4 ♕e5+) 36...♕a1 and (again) White gets mated.

31.♗c1 ♖g8 32.♗b2 ♖ge8?

It was not too late to decide for 32...♖xb2!

33.♗c1 - and Nepo had a lucky escape. **1/2-1/2**

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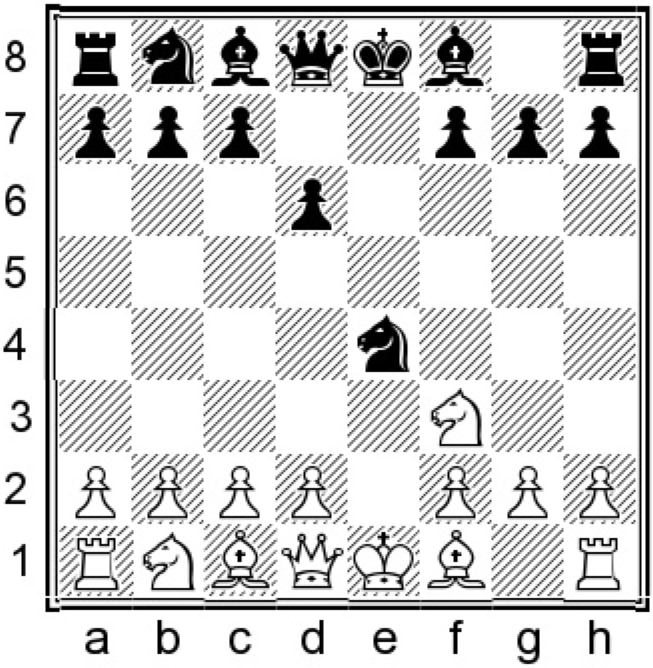
C42
Firouzja, Alireza (2793) - Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2766)
Madrid (ct), 2022

Game was played at (relatively) late stage of the event. Nepomniachtchi was "almost there", while Alireza was trying to finish a bad event on a good note.

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4



Probably not having any clear preparation White chooses a side line (trying to avoid long theoretical lines).

5.c4 Black goes for (arguably) most critical response.

5...♘c6

White aims for Black choosing a "slow response" like 5...c6 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.d4 ♗e7 8.h3 d5 9.♗d3 O-O 10.O-O dxc4 11.♗xc4 - position resembling some QGA lines, White having advantage in Movsesian,Sergei 2751 - Wang,Yue 2739, Wijk aan Zee 2009

Or 5...♗e7 6.d4 O-O 7.♗d3 again White having favourable version of some Petroff lines.

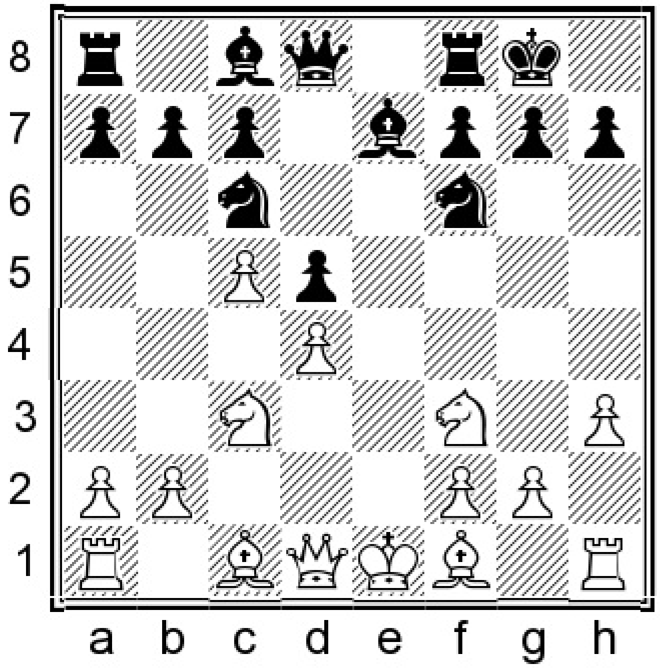
6.d3 In some (top) games White tried to get favourable version of 4.Nc3 Nc3 5.dc3 lines and went for

6.♘c3 ♘xc3 7.dxc3 ... well... if White has something it is very little. Black is having a satisfactory game after 7...♗f5 (Or 7...♗e7)

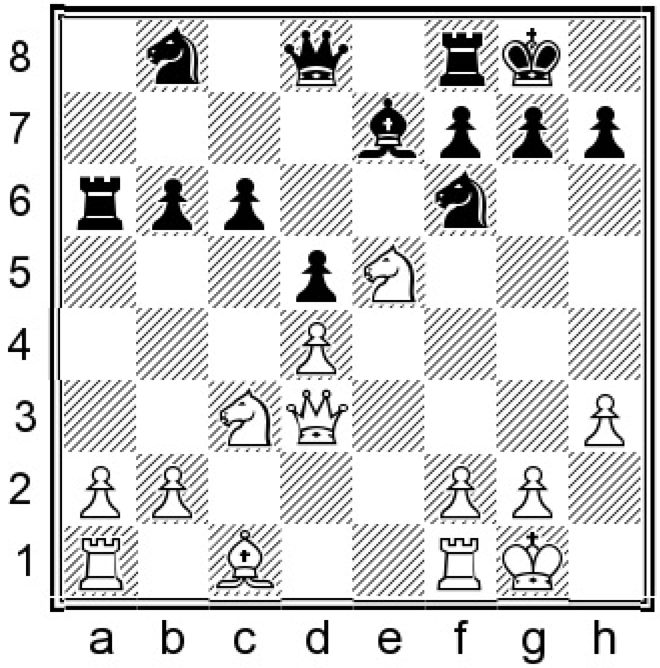
6...♘f6 7.d4 ♗e7

Alireza goes for the most direct approach. **8.d5**

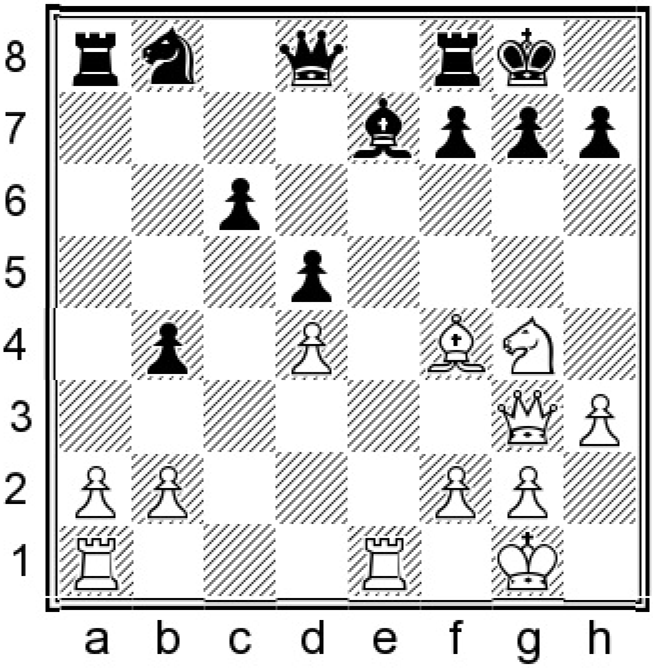
In the last FIDE Grand Swiss Sergey Movsesian celebrated a spectacular win with the white pieces chosing for a different plan: 8.♘c3 O-O 9.h3 d5= Black has equalized, and now White goes for strategic set-up overlooking tactical refutation! 10.c5?! ("Modest" 10.♗e2 was a better decision.)



10...b6? Black does not spot tactical solution! (Correct was 10...♗xc5! 11.dxc5 d4∓ and Black gets his piece back while having better position, as 12.♘a4?? loses to simple 12...♖e8+-+) 11.♗b5↑ Now White has some advantage. This game is in no way related to the Candidates and this is (also) not a theoretical article, however final picture is too beautiful to ignore so I will give the complete game! 11...♘b8 12.cxb6 axb6 13.♘e5 ♗a6 14.♗xa6 ♖xa6 15.O-O c6 16.♕d3



White has more space and better development - "Easy risk free advantage". 16...b5 (16...♖a7 was a better move.) 17.♗f4 ♕b6 18.♖fe1± Black hopes to solve his development problem by exchanging a pair of knights. 18...b4 19.♘e2 ♘e4 (19...c5±) 20.♘g3 ♘xg3 21.♕xg3+- By exchanging a pair of knights the black king lost an important defender. Now White has a winning attack. 21...♖a8 22.♘g4 ♕d8



A nice (textbook) tactic does not need to be complicated. 23.♖xe7! ♛xe7 24.♘h6+ ♔h8 25.♘f5 ♛f6 26.♗e5 ♛g6 27.♗xg7+ ♔g8 - and we get a nice finish - 28.♗f6 ♛xg3 29.♘h6# 1 : 0 Movsesian,Sergei 2627 - Van Foreest,Lucas 2543, Riga 2021

8...♘e5

Alireza follows a "regular logic" - more space meaning "keep pieces on the board". **9.♘d4**

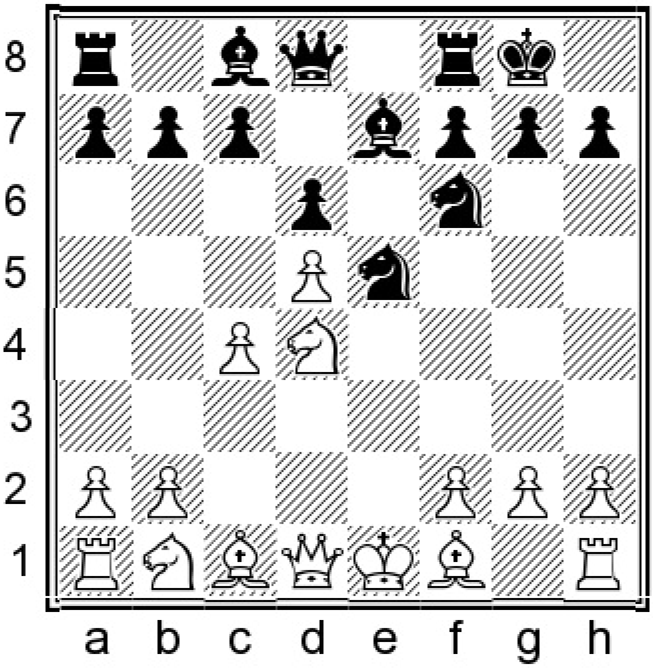
9.♗e2 is not ambitious and leads to equality after 9...♘xf3+ 10.♗xf3 O-O Black has a comfortable position (10...h5? was played in FIDE Woman Grand Swiss, however it only weakens Black's kingside: 11.h3 ♗f5 12.♘c3 ♕d7 13.♗e3 a6 14.a4± due to 10...h5? Black no longer had safe place for her king, White was clearly better and easily won in Kosteniuk,Alexandra 2472 - Tan,Zhongyi 2511, Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 2021) 11.♗e3 (11.O-O ♘d7= (11...♗f5= 12.g4?! ♗g6)) 11...♘d7=

9...O-O

Nepo says: "Let's finish development/castle and then see".

Black could have opted to immediately attack White's centre with 9...c6!? - this is my *Stockfish* proposal.

If Black wants "game position" the most precise is 9...♗g4! 10.f3 (10.♗e2 ♗xe2 11.♕xe2 O-O with ...Re8 (or ...c6) to follow is fine for Black.) 10...♗d7 11.♘c3 O-O 12.♗e2 c6 transposing to the game.

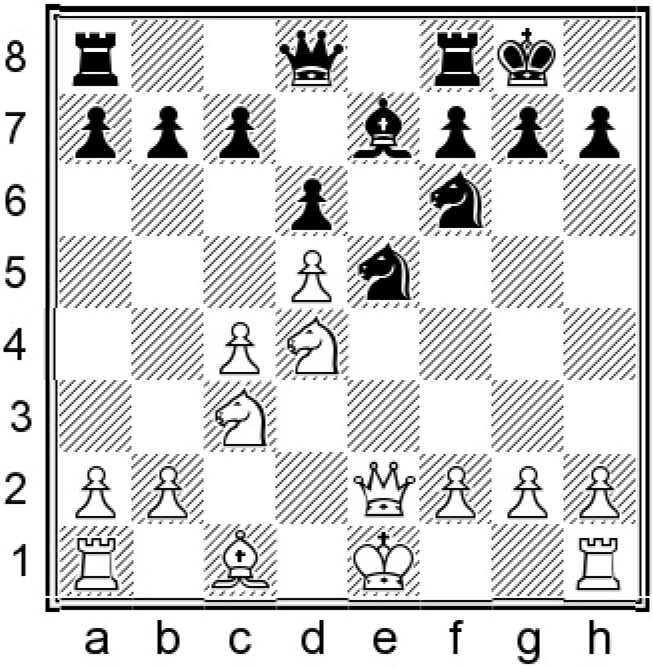


10.♘c3

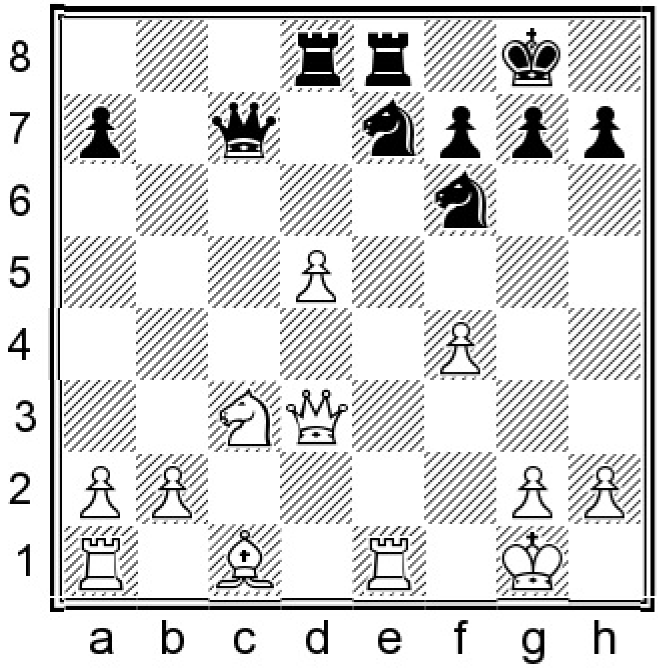
The most precise for White (and likely the road to small advantage was) 10.♗e2! and after 10...♗g4 11.♗xg4 ♘fxg4 12.O-O White seems to have some plus: 12...♘f6 13.b3±

10...♗g4 11.f3 Alireza shows ambition and sticks to "more space keep pieces" strategy.

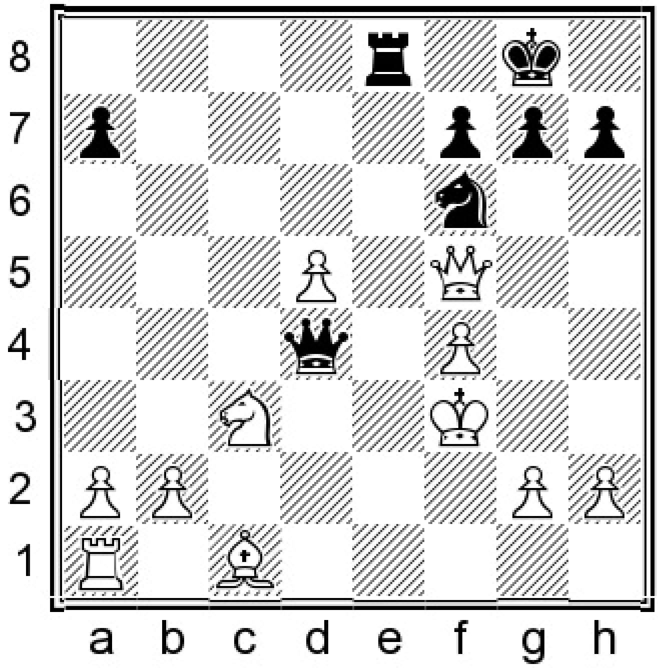
The alternative 11.♗e2 ♗xe2 12.♕xe2 can lead to entertaining tactical tussle after



12...c6! (Less tactical 12...♖e8 is definitely an option.) 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.f4 ♘g6 15.♘xc6 White won a pawn, Black has advantage in development (and full compensation). 15...♕c7 16.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 17.O-O ♖fe8 18.♕d3 Having development advantage Black has to open up the position: 18...d5! (White would certainly love his f4-pawn to be on f2 now) 19.cxd5 ♖ad8 20.♖e1 Now Black has beautiful sacrificial idea!



20...♘f5! 21.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 22.♕xf5 ♕c5+ 23.♔f1 Black is a piece down, does not have mate, however White cannot develop. The position is about equal! 23...♕c4+ 24.♔f2 ♕d4+ 25.♔f3

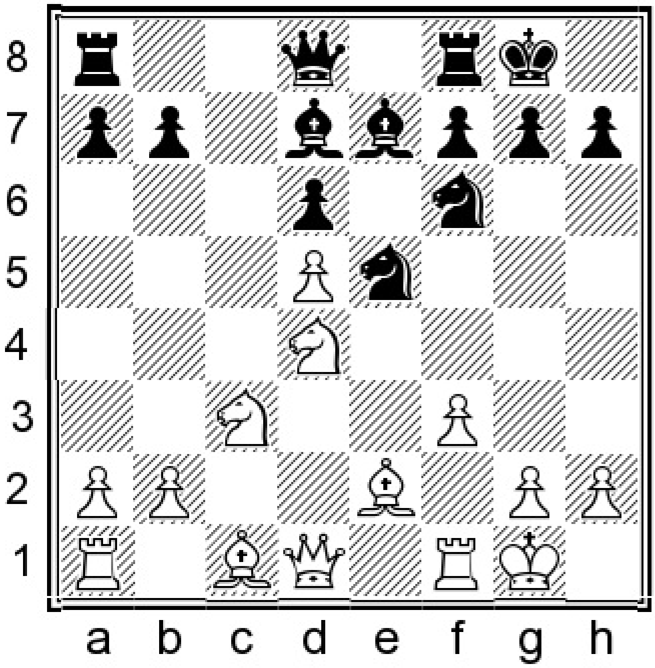


The most human approach for Black is to remove back rank problems and activate his rook. 25...g6 (My *Stockfish* gives Black full compensation (zeros) after calm 25...h5! saying "White cannot develop".) 26.♕c2 ♖e1 The only way for White to develop here is 27.♖b1 and we will likely have a drawish outcome after 27...g5! 28.♗d2 g4+ 29.♔g3 Black needs to be precise: 29...♖e3+! 30.♗xe3 ♕xe3+ 31.♔h4 ♕xf4 Due to weak king White has to give his material back: 32.♖f1! ♕h6+!

(32...♕xf1 33.♘e4) 33.♔g3 ♕e3+ and this adventure should have a peaceful end - 34.♖f3 gxf3 35.gxf3 ♘h5+=

11...♗d7 12.♗e2 Black goes for the most logical (and correct) counterplay plan.

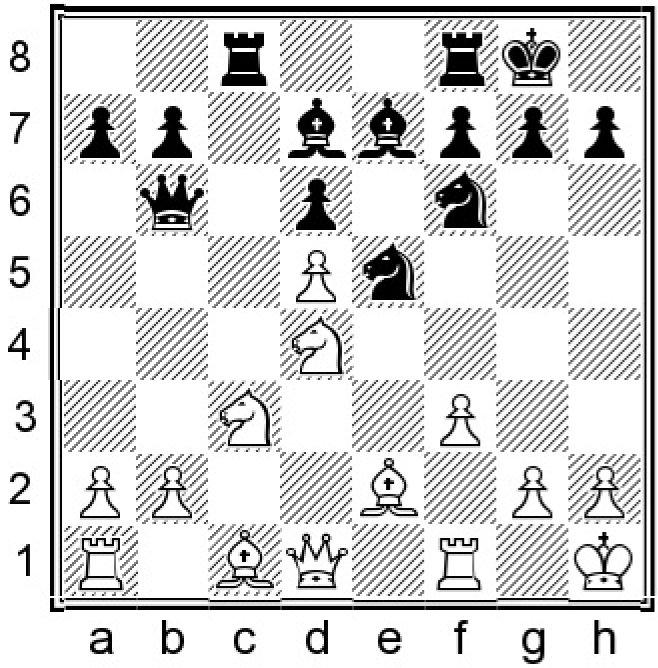
12...c6! 13.O-O cxd5 14.cxd5 White has more space, while Black has active piece play. The position is about equal (dynamic balance).



14...♕b6

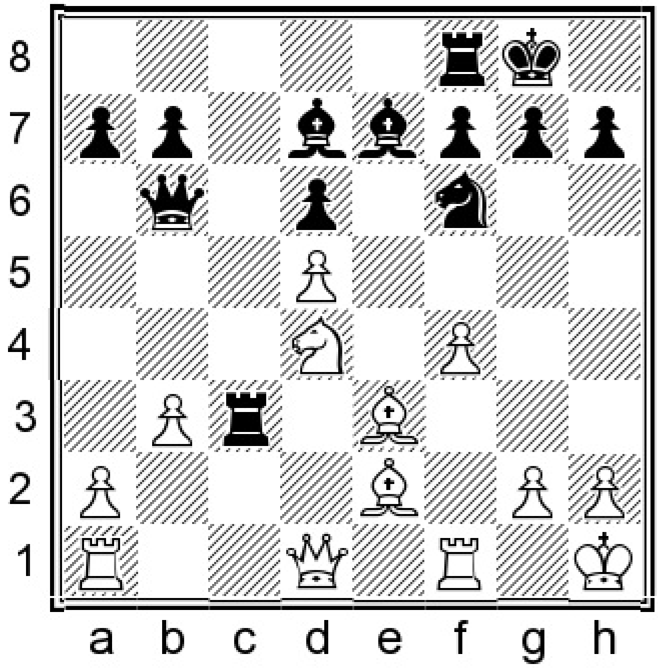
Perhaps the most precise for Black was 14...♕a5! White has the choice between sacrificing a pawn, or (parhaps) "overextending" himself. 15.♗e3 (The ambitious 15.f4 ♘g6 16.♘b3 ♕b6+ 17.♔h1 brings White into situation where after 17...♖fe8 18.♗d2 ♖ac8 it is not easy to find a good follow-up for White as idea to disturb Black's queen with 19.a4?! runs into 19...♗g4!) 15...♘xd5 16.♘xd5 ♕xd5 17.♘b5 ♕xd1 18.♖fxd1 ♗xb5 19.♗xb5 a6 20.♗e2⩱ White has compensation "for equality" (not more).

15.♔h1 ♖ac8 Critical moment! Alireza chooses a seemingly logical plan, underestimating his own under-development. The position will open up, Black being better developed tactics should favour him!

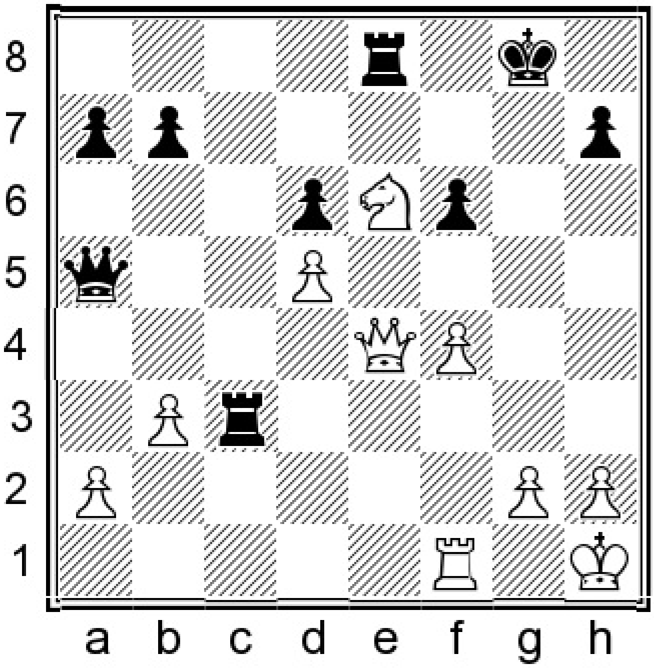


16.g4?

The correct decision was 16.f4! ♘c4 17.b3! The trade of pair of knights will somehow favour White here, as White will keep space advantage while Black loses part of his activity. 17...♘e3 18.♗xe3 ♖xc3



Now (probably) the best for White is likely too deep/difficult to find for a human 19.♗f2! as after (More human 19.♗g1 ♕a5 20.a4 perhaps gives White a small plus.) 19...♘e4 20.♗g1 ♕a5 21.♗d3 most principled for Black is to sacrifice a pawn: 21...f5 (21...♘f6±) 22.♗xe4 fxe4 23.♕e1 ♗f6 24.♕xe4 ♖e8 25.♘e6 ♗b5 Black has strong bishops, White should sacrifice the exchange 26.♗d4! ♗xf1 27.♗xf6 gxf6 28.♖xf1→



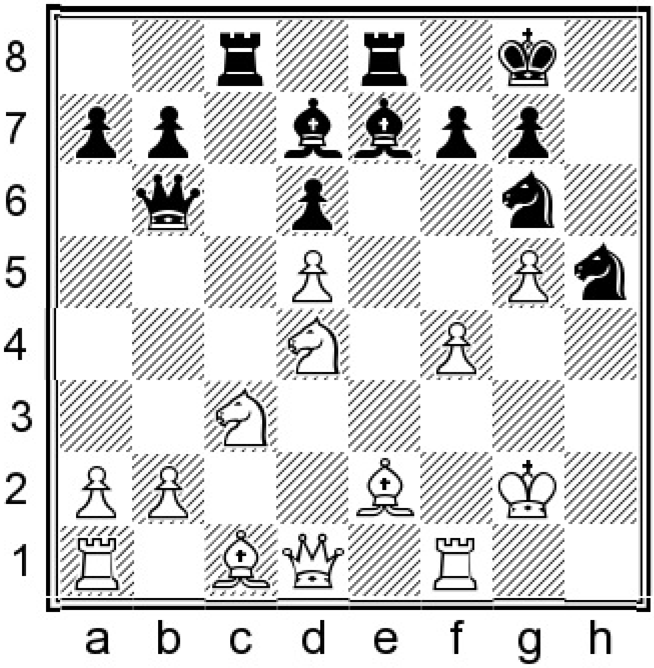
In human play this position looks promising for White, though my engine gives zeros.

16...h6 17.h4 Sticking to the plan here only makes matters worse.

17.♖g1 was perhaps a better decision.

17...♖fe8∓ 18.g5 hxg5 19.hxg5 ♘h5 Alireza got what he wanted, only to realize to be lagging in development in an open tactical position. Having Nepo (in form!) sitting on the other side of the board does not improve the situation!

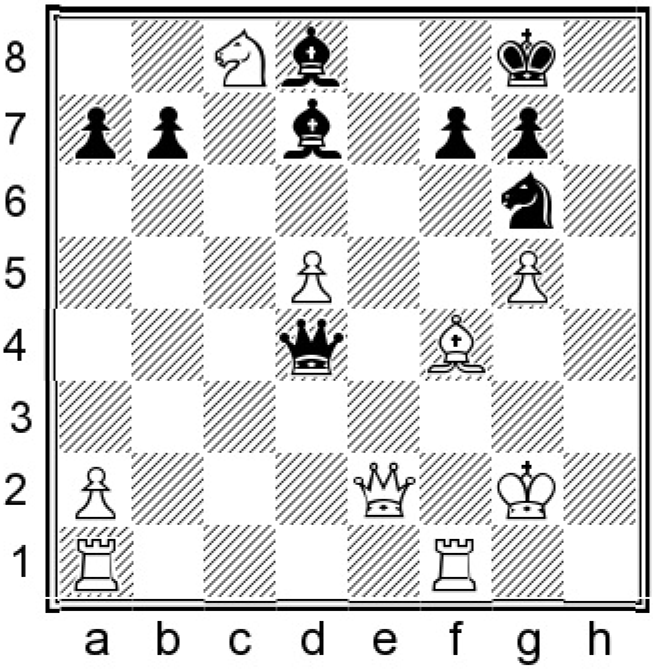
20.♔g2 ♘g6 21.f4 Ian does not need too many invitations here and goes for a direct tactical execution.



21...♘hxf4+!-+ 22.♗xf4 ♕xb2 23.♘e4 Black goes for (arguably) the most human continuation.

23...♖c4

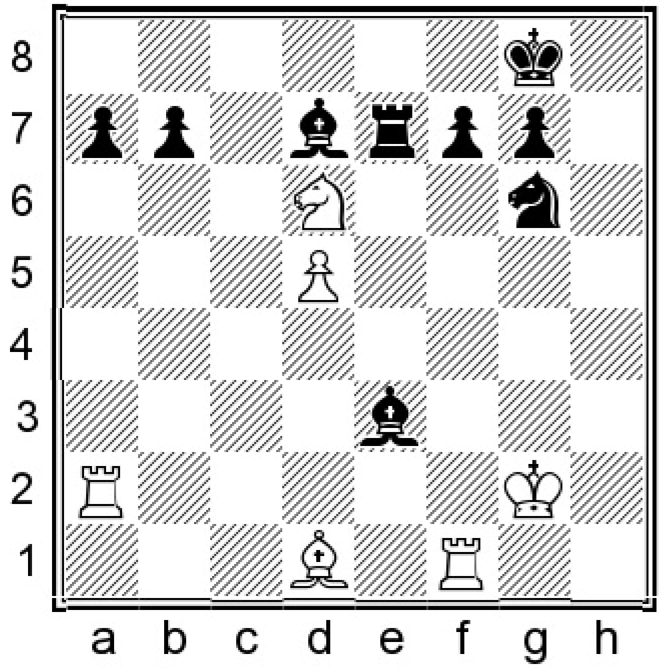
The strongest was 23...♗d8 24.♘xd6 ♖xe2+ 25.♕xe2 (25.♘xe2 ♖c2-+) 25...♕xd4 However after 26.♘xc8



Black would need to be aware (when playing 23...Bd8) of the resource 26...♕xf4!-+ (26...♘xf4+ allows White to struggle on with 27.♖xf4 ♕xf4 28.♘e7+ ♗xe7 29.♕xe7)

24.♗e3 ♗xg5! 25.♖b1 ♕xa2 26.♖a1 Nepomniachtchi is obviously not interested in move repetition.

26...♖xd4! 27.♖xa2 ♖xd1 28.♗xd1 ♗xe3 29.♘xd6 ♖e7 Tactical storm has sort of cleared up... Black has harmonious pieces and material advantage.



30.♗b3?

White's best defence (offering survival chances) was 30.♖e2!

30...♗c5!-+ A nice move! Seemingly, Black gives away a pawn with a tempo(!), however White knigh is now out of play while Black's pieces are excellently coordinating in attack. White's king is now too weak, while Black is attacking with all his pieces.

31.♘xb7 ♗b6 32.♗c4

Or 32.♘d6 ♖e3

32...♖e3 33.♔h1 ♗h3 34.♖c1 ♗f5! 35.♗f1 ♗e4+ - and White resigned as after 36.Kh2 Bd5 Black wins decisive material while mating attack continues. **0-1**

After the conclusion of the Candidates Tournament Magnus Carlsen officially confirmed that he would not defend the World Champion title. Magnus's decision leaves us with the 2023 World Championship match between the tournament winner Ian Nepomniachtchi and runner up Ding Liren.

Even though we are having very unusual situation for the first time in the history of chess, we are likely to see an interesting match. Dynamic play we saw in their game Nepomniachtchi won in Madrid (first round game) is kind of play we may expect to witness.

Winner Ian Nepomniachtchi, Madrid 2022; Photo: FIDE / Stiv Bonhage

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ELSHAN'S EXPLORATIONS

By GM Elshan Moradiabadi

44TH CHESS OLYMPIAD – REVIEW

Young blood prevails!
No country for "older than teenager" men!

The waits came to an end after the arbiters started the clocks in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, announcing the beginning of round 1 of the Chess Olympiad. After a long four years, players across the globe came to the hometown of Vishy Anand to celebrate the Royal Game.

The US squad, composed of 5 super-GM seemed the natural favourite, even if Russia and China had participated. However, the US team wasn't at its best and conceded to the 5th place. The blow came against the India's second team (all youngsters at high school age) where the US team lost 3 : 1 after Caruana mismanaged his advantage against Gukesh and Dominguez did not handle his Sicilian well, especially after feeling the pressure that he needed to play for a win.

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- **Peak rating:** 2603
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2005

While it seemed to be the Indian team's fairy tale, the young Uzbek team stole the show by finishing 19 out of 22 points, with eight wins and three draws, against India 2, India 1, and USA. The Uzbekistan team, played consistently the entire event and one cannot just name one player as their hero. It was an extraordinary team effort and they were recognized as national heroes on their way back home.

The Armenians proved that team spirit is the greatest asset at the Chess Olympiad. After losing Aronian, who immigrated to the US, and not having their best second and third rated players, the Armenian team fought valiantly and only got bested by the Uzbek team in tiebreak. Similar to the Uzbekistan team, the Armenia played well as a team and came strong every round!

The Indians would have won the event had Gukesh not blundered his winning advantage against Abdusattorov. That being said, the outcome of this Olympiad only shows that there is no country for old men in chess and team events!

The event was well-received and the players and delegates made positive note and comment on the event. Let us hope the standard becomes a benchmark for future events!

Dear readers, I hope you will enjoy my selection of the games from this event!

Gukesh's fantastic performance almost got the gold medal for the Indian youngsters. Although their fairy tale ended with "just a bronze", Gukesh and Indian youngsters showed that we are experiencing a new shift in the world powerhouse map. This win against Sargissian is a good example of his rampant play in this event, which yielded the Indian phenomen a great result.

D38
Gukesh, Dommaraju (2684) - Sargissian, Gabriel (2698)
Chennai (ol), 2022

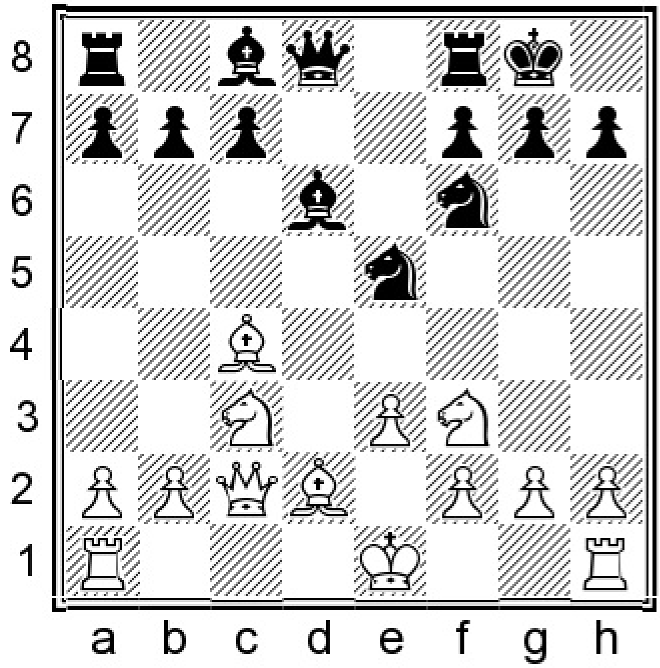
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.♕a4+ Gukesh has a lot of experience in this position.

5...♘c6 6.e3 This is a safer choice. He has tried the more risky line earlier in the event against the regular member of top 10 club in the past 15 years, Levon Aronian.

6.a3 ♗xc3+ 7.bxc3 ♘e4 8.♗f4 ♘xc3 9.♕c2 ♘e4 10.h4⩱ Gukesh,Dommaraju 2578 - Aronian,Levon 2781, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2021

6...O-O 7.♗d2 dxc4 8.♗xc4 ♗d6 9.♕c2 e5 Theory claims simple equality here but Gukesh have other things in mind.

10.dxe5 ♘xe5



11.♗e2!? A rare move.

11.♘xe5 ♗xe5 12.O-O b6 13.f4 ♗d6 (13...♗xc3 Gelfand,Boris 2676 - Leko,Peter 2663, chess24.com (Int.-m/2-rapid) 2020 - 145/126) 14.♗e2N (14.h3) 14...♗b7 15.♗f3 ♗xf3 16.♖xf3 ♕d7 17.e4 ♖ad8 18.♗e1 ♗b4 19.e5 ♘d5 20.♘xd5 ♕xd5 21.♗xb4 ♕d4+ 22.♖f2 ♕xb4 23.♕xc7 ♖d2 24.♕c3 ♕xc3 25.bxc3 ♖d3 26.♖c1 ♖c8 27.♖fc2 ♖c4 28.g3 h6⩱ Gukesh,Dommaraju 2684 - Le, Quang Liem 2722, Biel (rapid) 2022

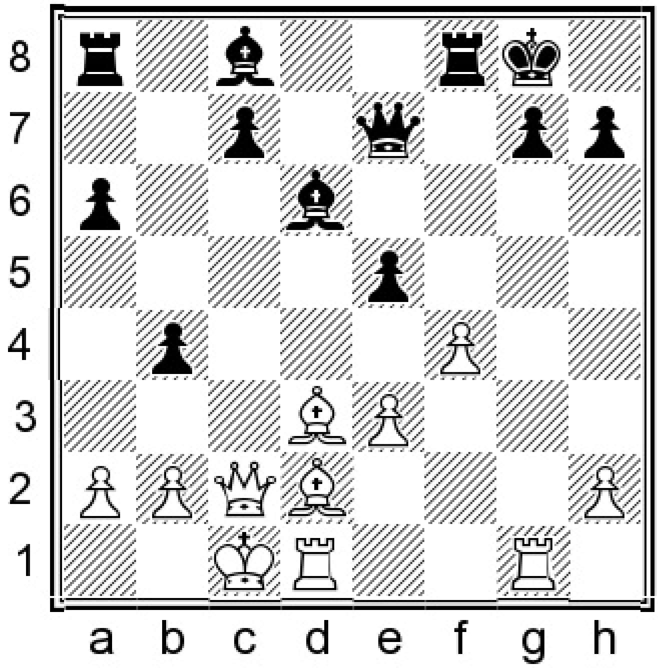
11...♘xf3+?!N Not the best novelty.

11...c6 12.O-O-O ♕e7 13.♘d4 ♖d8 14.h3 ♗b4 seems easier.

12.gxf3 a6 13.O-O-O b5 14.♖hg1 b4?! This is too much, now White has an easy task of mobalizing his play in the centre and on the kingside.

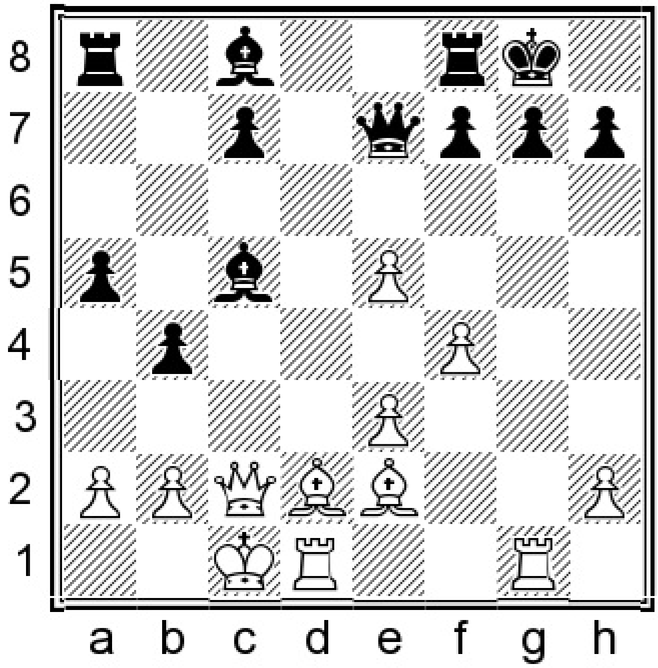
15.♘e4 ♘xe4 16.fxe4 ♕e7 17.f4 a5?! White has a dangerous initiative.

17...f6 18.e5 fxe5 This is not fun to play after 19.♗d3 because now the only path to a draw is the engine-like play



19...♔h8! 20.♗xh7 exf4 21.exf4 ♗xf4 22.♖de1 ♗xd2+ 23.♕xd2 ♕d6=

18.e5 ♗c5



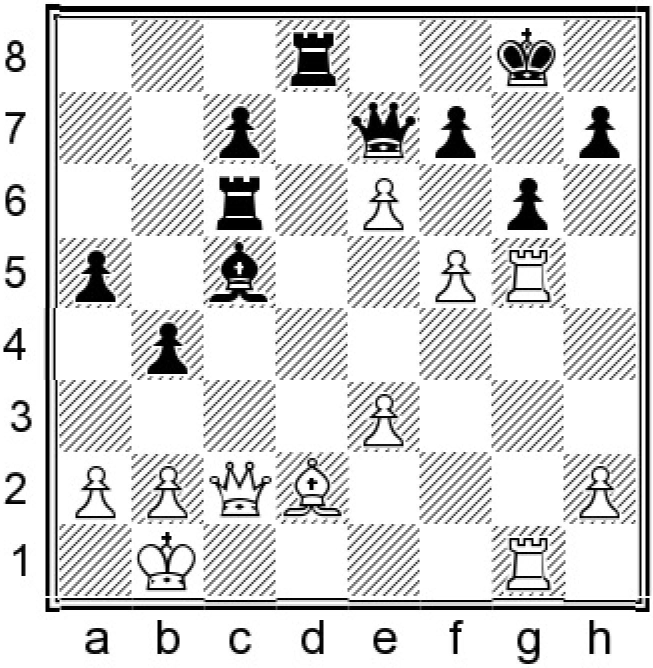
19.♖g5?!

19.♕e4 ♗a6 20.♗xa6 ♖xa6 21.f5 g6 22.♕f4 wasn't convincing enough for Gukesh but the engines love it.

19...♗a6 20.♖dg1 g6 21.♗xa6 ♖xa6 22.f5 Gukesh goes full-steam but now Sargissian had a miraclous draw which he missed.

22...♗a7??

22...♖c6 23.♔b1 ♖d8 24.e6



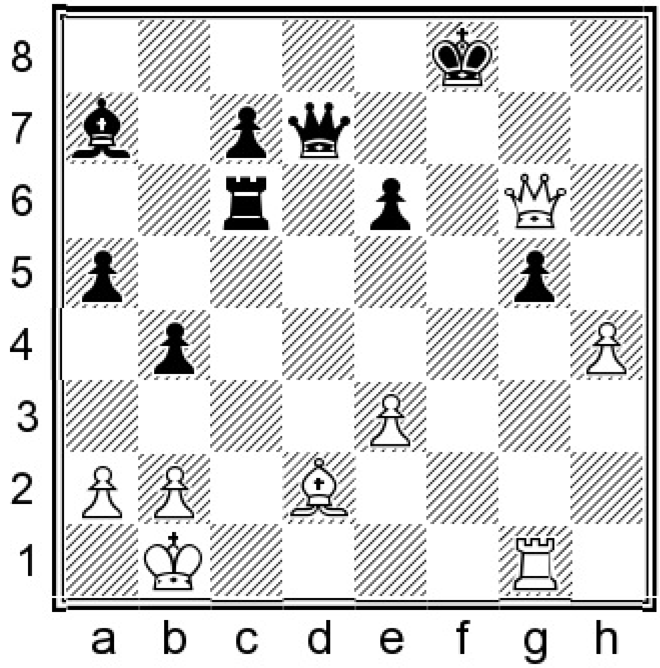
24...fxe6!! 25.fxg6 h6 26.♖5g2 ♕f6 No one in his/her right mind would enter this position thinking of it as equal but the engines believe it is just equal! 27.♖c1 ♖dd6 28.g7 ♕f7 29.♕d1 e5 30.e4 h5 It might be a draw for an engine but could be lost at any point for Black.

23.e6?!

23.♔b1! is winning according to the engines. 23...♖d8 24.e6 - and now this is winning! 24...fxe6 25.fxg6 h6 26.♖h5+-

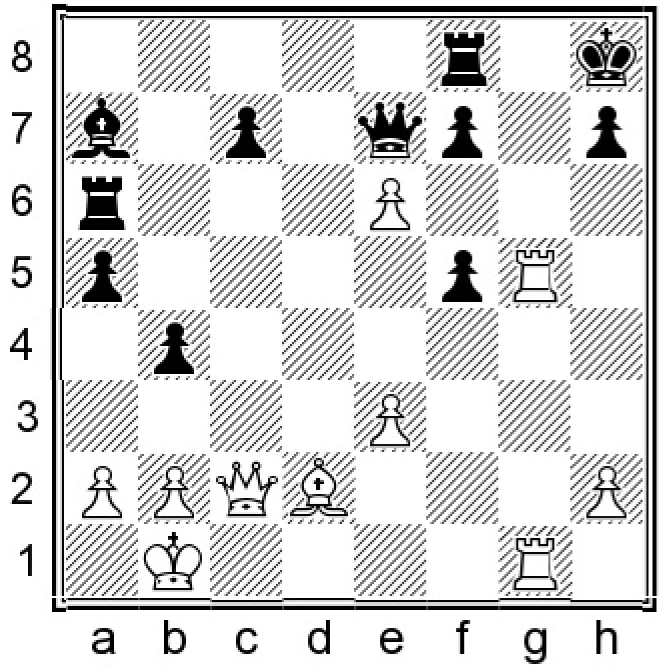
23...♔h8? It's all over now.

23...fxe6 24.fxg6 h6 25.g7 hxg5 26.gxf8=♕+ ♔xf8 27.h4 ♕d7! 28.♔b1 ♖c6 29.♕g6



29...♖c5!! Finding these moves is almost impossible!

24.♔b1 gxf5 Gukesh finds the simple tactic and wraps it all up!



25.♗xb4! ♕xb4 26.♕g2 ♕e4+ 27.♕xe4 fxe4 28.e7 ♖e8 29.♖g8+ ♖xg8 30.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 31.e8=♕+ ♔g7 32.♕e5+ ♖f6 33.♕g5+ ♖g6 34.♕xa5 ♖g1+ 35.♔c2 ♖g2+ 36.♔b3 ♗b6 37.♕e5+ ♔f8 38.♕h8+ ♔e7 39.♕xh7 ♖e2 40.♕xe4+ ♔f8 41.♕b4+ A convincing victory. **1-0**

Gukesh Dommaraju, Chennai 2022; Photo: FIDE / Madelene Belinki

The Moldovan team was the Black Swan of this Olympiad, consisting of one GM and four IMs, the Moldovans achieved their best ever result at the chess Olympiad, finishing sixth. The final round victory over England was the key to their final success.

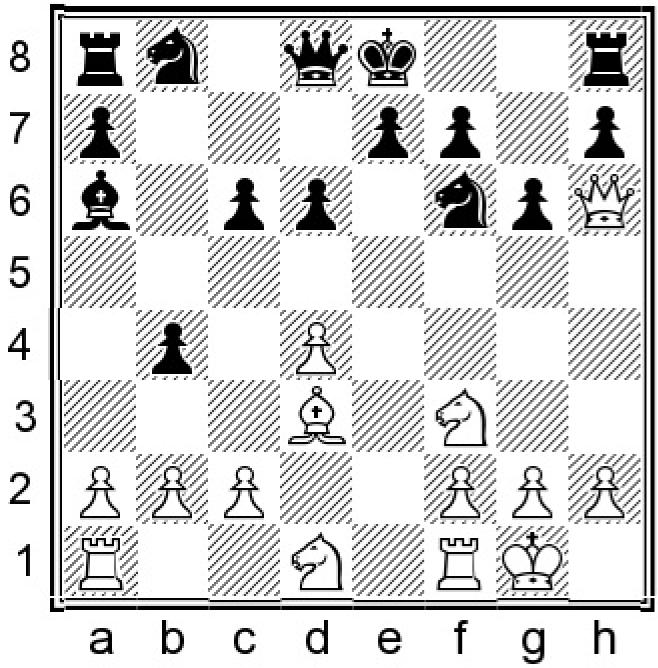
B08
McShane, Luke J (2649) - Hamitevici, Vladimir (2473)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♗e3 c6 5.♘f3 ♗g7 6.♕d2 b5

This line is considered very dubious in general but it is also something not every chess player studies. Especially, when your opponent is probably the strongest amateaur chess player in the world, GM Luke McShane!

7.♗d3

7.♗h6 This seems like a more critical try. 7...♗xh6 (7...O-O 8.♗d3 ♗g4 9.h4 ♘bd7 (9...♗xf3 10.gxf3 ♘h5 11.♗xg7 ♔xg7 12.f4±) 10.h5! e5 (10...♗xh5 (Giri,Anish 2782 - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2801, chess.com (Internet-m/27-blitz) 2018) 11.♗xg7! A new move! 11...♔xg7 12.e5! dxe5 13.dxe5 ♘g8 14.♖xh5 gxh5 15.♕g5+ ♔h8 16.♕xh5 h6 17.♕f5+-) 11.♗xg7 ♔xg7 12.hxg6 fxg6 (Giri,Anish 2782 - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2801, chess.com (Internet-m/1-blitz) 2018) 13.♕h6+!+- ♔g8 14.♘g5 ♕e7 15.f3 wins.) 8.♕xh6 b4 9.♘d1 ♘xe4 10.♗d3 ♘f6 11.O-O ♗a6N



(Alavi,Homa 2003 - Babayev,Tural 2229, Nakhchivan 2022) (11...♕b6; 11...e6) 12.♗xa6!N A new move! 12...♘xa6 13.a3 b3 (13...bxa3 14.♖xa3 ♘c7 15.♘g5 ♘b5 16.♖d3 ♕a5 17.h3 and Black has no good move.) 14.c4 e6 15.♖e1 ♘g8 16.♕e3 (16.♕g7? ♕f6) 16...♘e7 17.♕xb3 O-O 18.♘e3± White is better due to a better structure.

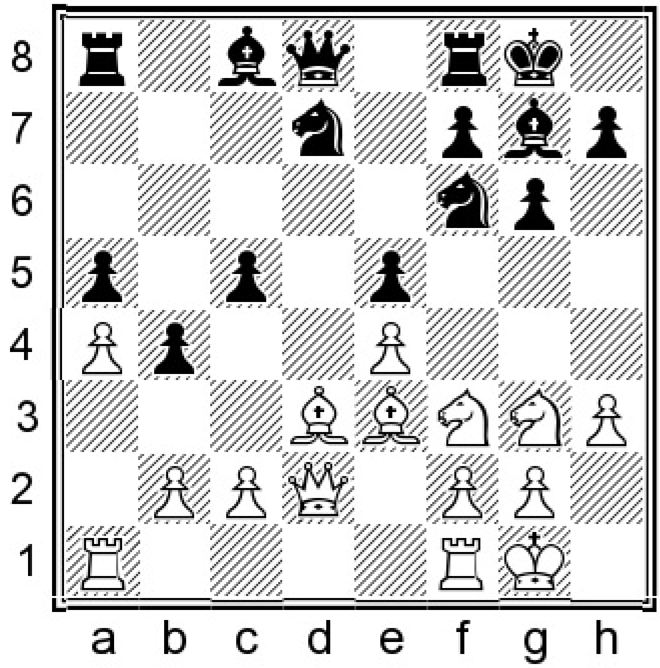
7...♘bd7 8.O-O O-O 9.h3 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.a4! A typical undermining manoeuvre.

11.♖fe1 Kernazhitsky,Leonid 2377 - Semenov,Dmitri 2342, Kyiv 2005 - 93/(56)

11...b4 12.♘e2 c5 13.♘g3 White intends to utilize the c4-square and later exerting pressure along the d-file.

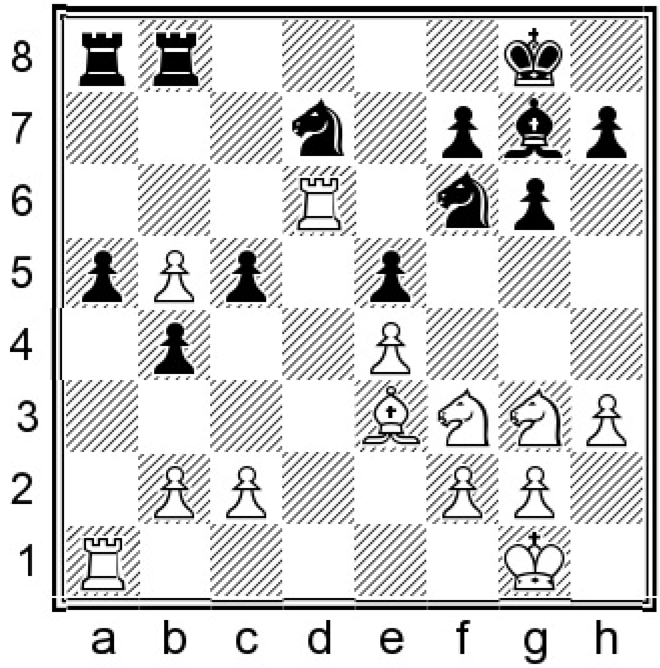
13...a5?N

13...♕c7; 13...♕a5



14.♖ad1? It is unbelievably interesting that rook on f1 to d1 wins while Rad1 is just nothing!

14.♖fd1 ♕c7 15.♗b5 ♗a6 16.♕d6! Now the presence of the rook on a1 makes all the difference in the world. 16...♕xd6 17.♖xd6 ♗xb5 18.axb5 ♖fb8



19.♖a6!+-

14...♕c7 15.♗b5 ♗a6 McShane realizes the problem too late. Now it is all balanced.

16.♗xa6 ♖xa6 17.♗h6? Quite likely rattled McShane is trying something but this trade only benefits Black.

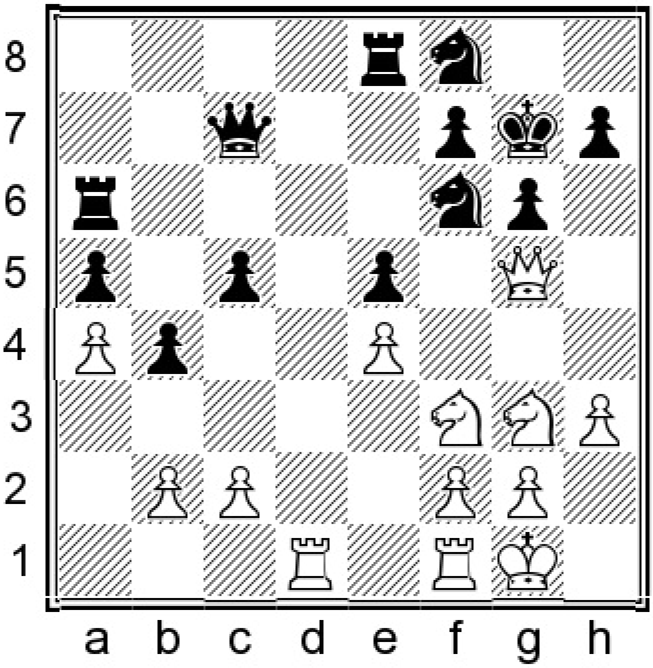
17...♖e8

17...c4!

18.♕g5 ♘f8?

18...♗xh6 19.♕xh6 c4 20.♘g5 ♘f8 leaves White with no attack and problems on the queenside.

19.♗xg7 ♔xg7



20.♖d2?!

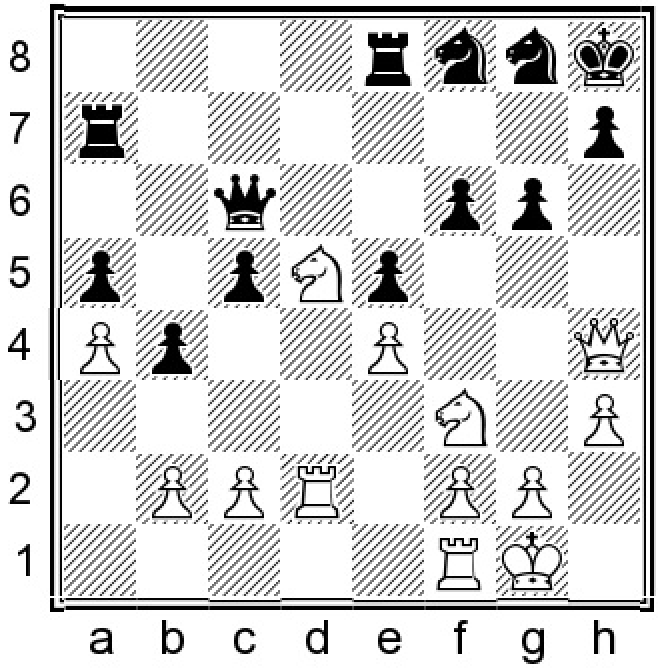
20.♘d2! White could have realized his "c4 outpost" strategy. 20...c4 21.b3 cxb3 22.cxb3 ♔g8 23.♘f5 ♖c6 24.♖fe1±

20...♘g8? God really loved Moldovan team. Another passive move could have turned this fairy-tale into a tragedy for the Moldovans.

20...c4 21.♘f5+ ♔h8 would not bring anything to White but despair.

21.♘f5+ ♔h8 22.♘e3! White is strategically winning.

22...f6 23.♕h4 ♕c6 24.♘d5 ♖a7



25.b3?!

25.♘h2! c4 26.♘g4 ♖f7 27.♖fd1 ♔g7 28.♘ge3+-

25...♖f7 26.♘e3 ♘e6 27.♘c4 ♘d4 28.♘xa5 ♕c7 29.♘c4 f5 A desperate try. **30.♘xd4 cxd4 31.exf5 ♖xf5 32.♖e1 ♘f6 33.f3 ♕c5 34.♔h1?**

34.a5 d3+ (34...g5 35.♕g3 h5 36.a6+-) 35.♕f2+-

34...g5?

34...e4! 35.♖de2 g5 36.♕g3 e3=∞

35.♕g3 h5 36.h4?!

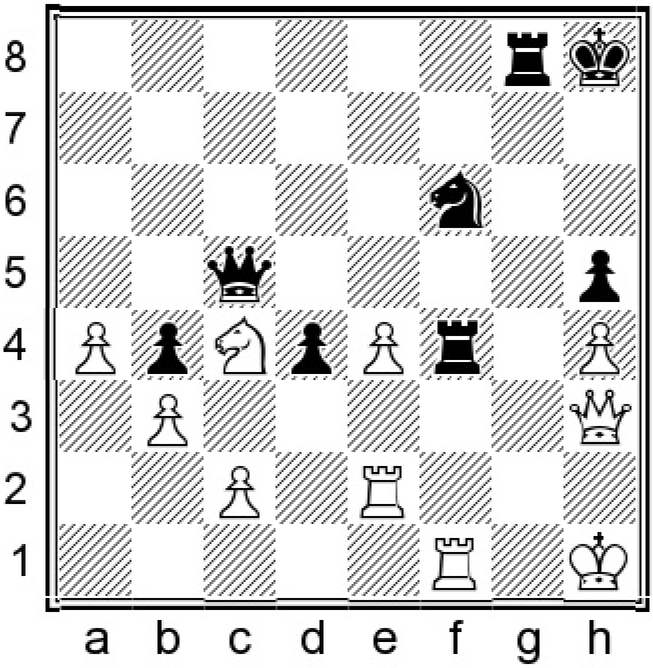
36.a5 h4 37.♕f2 ♘h5 38.♖xd4+-

36...g4 37.♖de2?

37.♖f2 d3 38.cxd3 ♕d4 39.♖ff1 ♕xd3 40.♔h2±

37...gxf3 38.gxf3 ♖g8 39.♕h3 e4 40.fxe4 ♖f4 41.♖f1?

41.♕h2! ♖gg4 42.♖f2! ♖xh4 43.♖xf4 ♖xh2+ 44.♔xh2 ♘g4+ 45.♔h3 d3 46.cxd3 ♘f2+ 47.♖xf2 ♕xf2 48.♖e3= Fortress.



41...d3! 42.♖e3

42.cxd3 ♖g3!-+

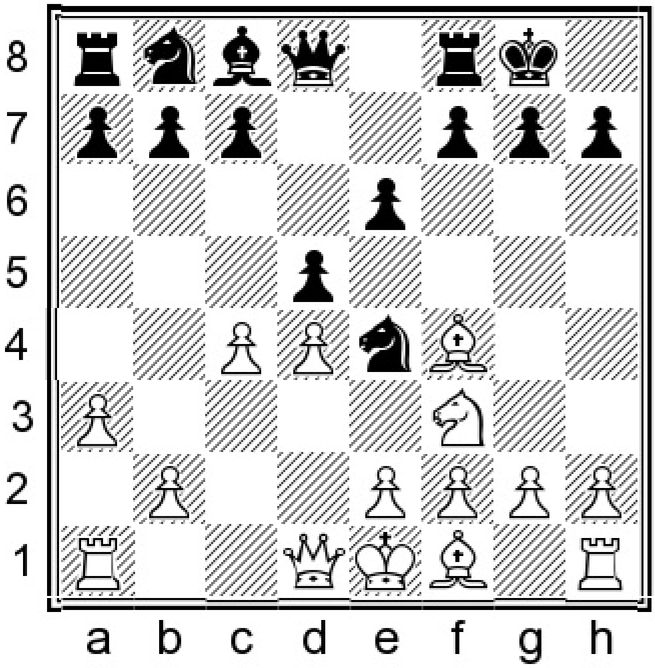
42...dxc2 43.♖xf4 c1=♕+ 44.♖f1 ♕c2 45.♖xf6 ♕xe4+ 46.♖ff3 ♕cd4 47.♕f1 ♕c2 48.♘e5 ♕db2 49.♘f7+ ♔h7 50.♘g5+ ♖xg5 51.♖f7+ ♖g7 52.♖e2 ♕c6+ 53.♔h2 ♕d6+ 54.♔h1 ♕d5+ 55.♖f3 ♕f6 56.♖f2 ♕xh4+ 57.♖h2 ♕xf3+ 58.♕xf3 ♕e1+ 59.♕f1 ♕xf1# 0-1

It is impossible to talk about the Olympiad and not mention one game by the World Champion.

E11
Megaranto, Susanto (2529) - Carlsen, Magnus (2864)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.c4 ♗b4+ 4.♗d2

4.♘bd2 This is the more ambitious way. In the last OIympiad OTB in Batumi Ding Liren achieved a masterpiece in this line against Ivan Saric. 4...O-O 5.a3 ♗xd2+ 6.♗xd2 ♘e4 7.♗f4 d5



8.e3! (8.♕c2?! c5!? (8...c6 9.e3 Positionally winning. 9...♘d7 10.♗d3 ♘df6 11.O-ON (11.♘e5) 11...h6 12.b4 ♗d7 13.♘e5 ♗e8 14.f3 ♘d6 15.c5 ♘c8 16.h3 ♘d7 17.a4+- Moradiabadi,Elshan 2539 - Hung,Anthony 1644, Rancho Mirage 2022) 9.dxc5 ♘c6 10.♖c1±)

4...a5 5.a3 ♗xd2+ 6.♘bxd2?!

6.♕xd2 Magnus had faced this in the past, which ultimatelty is more testing than the knight capture. 6...b6 (6...d5 Zaitsev, Igor 2445 - Kholmov,Ratmir 2485, Moscow (open) 1992 - 56/(574)) 7.♘c3 ♗b7 was tried by Carlsen in the past, So,Wesley 2822 - Carlsen,Magnus 2838, Pro Chess League (Internet-rapid) 2017

6...d6 7.e3 White has played the opening modestly but very solid.

7...♕e7 8.♗d3N

8.♗e2

8...e5 9.♕c2 ♘bd7?! Surprisingly passive.

9...♗g4!? 10.c5⇄ O-O 11.♖c1 ♘bd7

10.O-O O-O 11.b3 White keeps on making modest moves.

11.♘g5 h6 12.♘ge4 ♘xe4 13.♘xe4 and White is slightly better because the move f5 is met with Nc3. 13...f5 14.♘c3 e4 15.♗e2 ♘f6 16.b4 White seems to be slightly faster although Black is just fine.

11...♖e8 12.e4

12.♘g5 is still preferrable.

12...♘f8!? Carlsen keeps the pieces on the board and goes on to provoke d5.

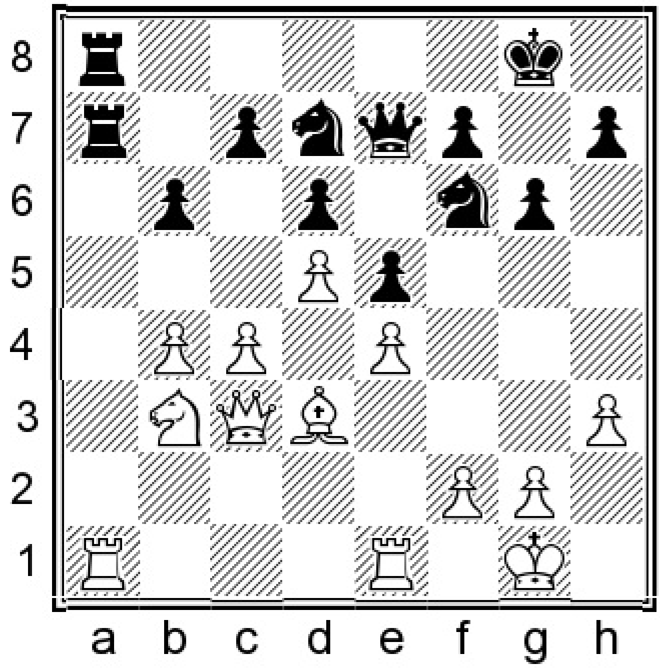
13.♖fe1 ♗g4 14.d5 ♘8d7 15.h3 ♗xf3 Of course. Although Carlsen gets a better knight over White's bishop, White is doing fine because of his extra space.

16.♘xf3 g6 17.b4 ♖a7 18.♘d2 ♖ea8 19.♘b3 b6 Black is OK but nothing more than that, so Carlsen stalls.

20.♕c3?! This gives a chance to Carlsen to get a bit active.

20.c5 axb4 21.cxb6 ♘xb6 22.axb4=

20...axb4 21.axb4



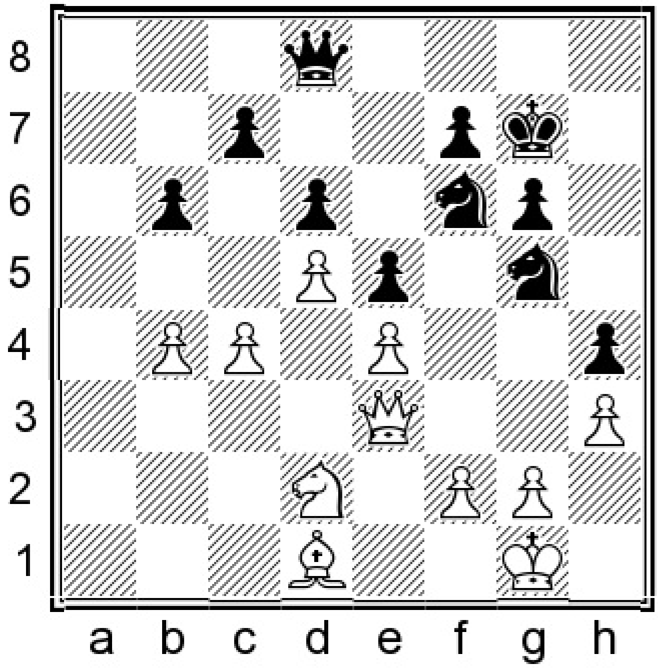
21...h5! Now h4, Nh5 is a plan. White is still safe though.

22.♖xa7 ♖xa7 23.♖a1 ♖xa1+ 24.♕xa1 ♕d8 25.♘d2 h4 26.♗e2 ♔g7 27.♕a3 - again White is solid. Carlsen waits...

27...♘h7 28.♗g4 ♘df6 29.♗d1?! This is rather unnecessary.

29.♗e2 ♘g5 30.♕e3 would have kept the balance.

29...♘g5 30.♕e3 Now comes the cold shower.



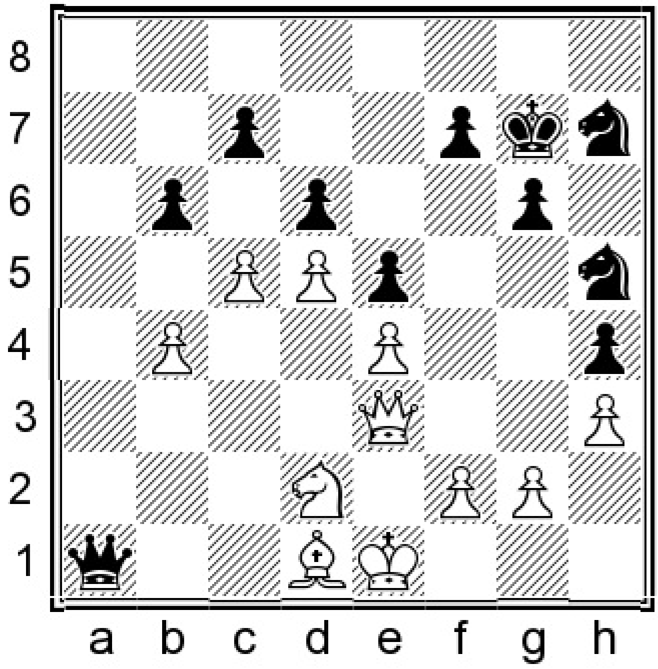
30...♕a8! The World Champion makes the most out of his chances.

31.♔f1? This leads to a losing position.

31.♕xg5?! ♕a1 32.♘f1 ♕xd1 33.f3 ♕e1 34.♕d2 ♕a1 - far from losing but it is a long-term suffering for White.

31...♕a1 32.♔e1 ♘gh7 33.c5 ♘h5?!

33...bxc5 34.bxc5 ♘d7 35.♘b3 ♕a3 36.cxd6 cxd6 Qb4 and Nb6 would have given Black serious winning chances.



34.g3?? This is a losing blunder.

34.♘b3 ♕b1 (34...♕b2 35.cxd6 cxd6 36.♗xh5 gxh5 37.♘d2 ♕xb4 38.♕f3 should suffice for a draw.) 35.♘d2 ♕c1 36.♘b3 and surprisingly Black should concede to enter the line with Qb2

34...hxg3 35.fxg3 b5 36.♕d3 ♘7f6 37.c6 ♕b2 Carlsen secures the victory. White is hopeless. The rest is too easy for the World Champion.

38.♕xb5 ♕c3 39.♗f3 ♘xe4 40.♗xe4 ♕c1+ 41.♔e2 ♘xg3+ 42.♔f2 ♕xd2+ 43.♔xg3 ♕f4+ 44.♔g2 ♕xe4+ 45.♔f2 ♕c2+ 46.♔e1 e4 47.♔f1 ♕d1+ 0-1

Once more Sargissian proved instrumental in Armenia's success. The veteran member of the Armenian squad led his team to a silver medal which could have easily beeen gold. He carried his team with excellence and tenacity and his wins against the likes of Caruana and Harikrishna proved to be of crucial importance, after the departure of their superstar, Levon Aronian.

D12
Sargissian, Gabriel (2698) - Harikrishna, Penteala (2720)
Chennai (ol), 2022

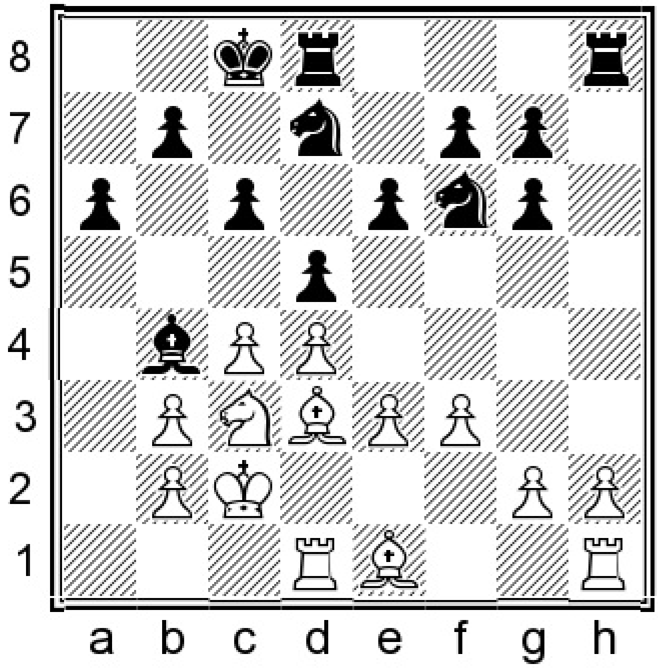
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.e3 ♗f5 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘h4 ♗e4 7.f3 ♗g6 8.♕b3 ♕b6 9.♘xg6 hxg6 10.♗d2 Sargissian is at home now. The Armenian is a very strong technical player and playing a risk-free position with a small edge is his greatest strength. That being said, the position is very drawish and White has very little to play for.

10...♘bd7 11.O-O-O ♕xb3 12.axb3 ♗b4 Harikrishna is also confident. He has beaten Maghsoodloo in the same opening a couple of months back in Prague.

12...♗d6 Stohl,Igor 2534 - Hertneck,Gerald 2570, Oesterreich 2001 - 83/(367)

13.♗e2N Sargissian just deviates.

13.♔c2 O-O-O 14.♗d3 a6 15.♗e1N



(15.h3) 15...c5! (15...♗d6 16.h4 ♘e8 17.e4 ♘c7 18.♗f2 ♗e7 19.g4 a5 20.♗g3± Maghsoodloo,Parham 2716 - Harikrishna,Penteala 2701, Praha 2022) 16.cxd5 (16.♗f2 cxd4 17.exd4 ♘b8! 18.h4 ♘c6∞) 16...exd5 17.dxc5 ♗xc5 18.e4 dxe4 19.♘xe4 ♘xe4 20.♗xe4 ♘f6=;

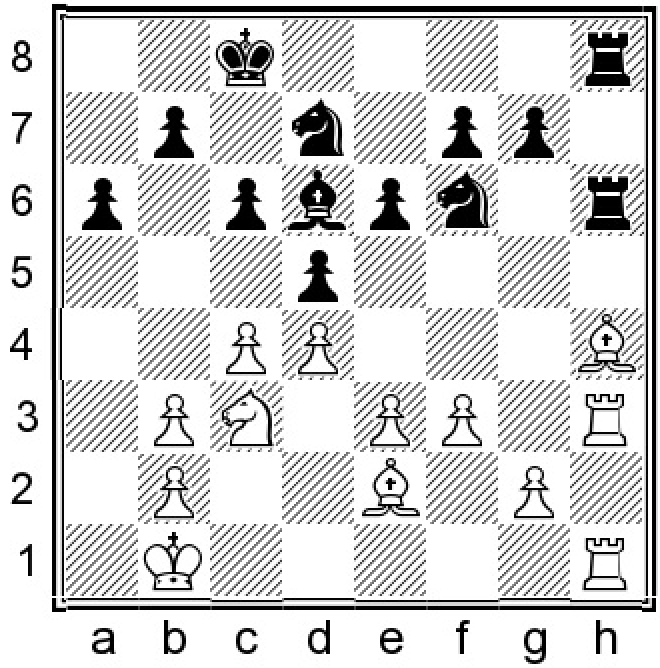
13.♗d3

13...O-O-O 14.♔b1 a6 15.♗e1 Sargissian goes for a very simple plan.

15...♗d6 16.h4 g5 17.♖h3

17.g4 seems a bit more accurate but accuracy doesn't matter that much, just yet!

17...gxh4 18.♗xh4 ♖h6 19.♖dh1 ♖dh8



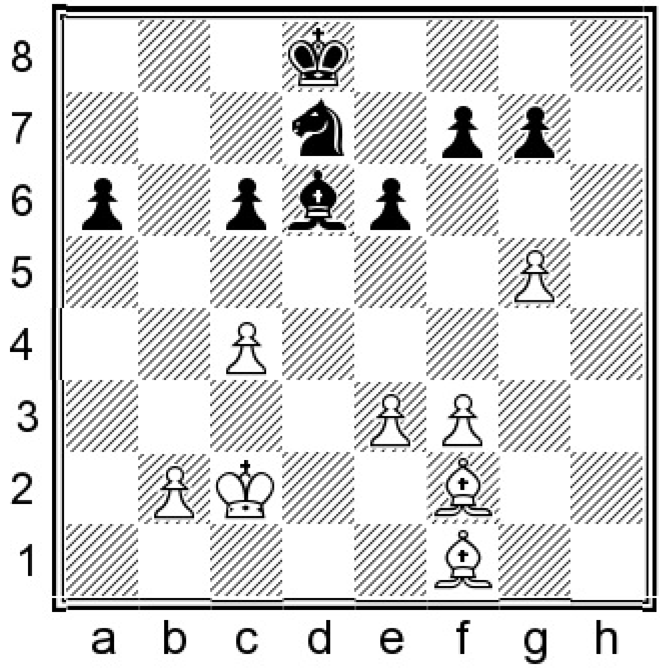
20.♗f1! Now White can play g4 and then trade the rooks.

20...♘f8 21.g4 ♘g6 22.♗f2 ♖xh3 23.♖xh3 ♖xh3 24.♗xh3 ♔d8 25.♔c2 c5 26.♘e2 Sargissian has no advantage but he carries his pair of bishops very patiently.

26...cxd4 27.♘xd4 dxc4?! This is quite unnecessary.

27...♗c5 28.♔c3 ♘e7=

28.bxc4 ♘e5 29.g5 ♘fd7 30.♗f1 ♘c6 31.♘xc6+ bxc6



32.♗e1! Excellent manoeuvring. The bishop is heading to c3.

32...c5 33.f4 g6?! Once more unnecessary and this time for a good reason.

33...f6 34.gxf6 gxf6 35.♔d3 f5 leads to a fortress and a draw will ensue soon.

34.♗g2 ♘b8 35.♔d3 ♔d7 36.♗f3 ♘c6 37.♗d1 ♔c7 38.♗a4 ♔b6 39.♔e4 ♔c7 40.♗c3 ♔b6 41.♔f3 ♔c7 42.♗f6 ♔b6 43.♗g7 ♔c7 44.♔g4 e5?! Finally, it is Harikrishna who gets impatient.

44...♔b6 45.e4 ♔b7 seems impenetrable.

45.♗f6 exf4 46.exf4 ♗f8 47.♔f3 ♗d6 48.♔e4 ♗f8 49.♗c3 White is still not winning but Black is now in a very uncomfortable situation.

49...♔d6 50.♗f6 ♔c7 51.f5 At some point this must have been played.

51...gxf5+ 52.♔xf5 ♔d6 53.♔e4 ♘a5? This could have been the final blunder.

53...♔c7

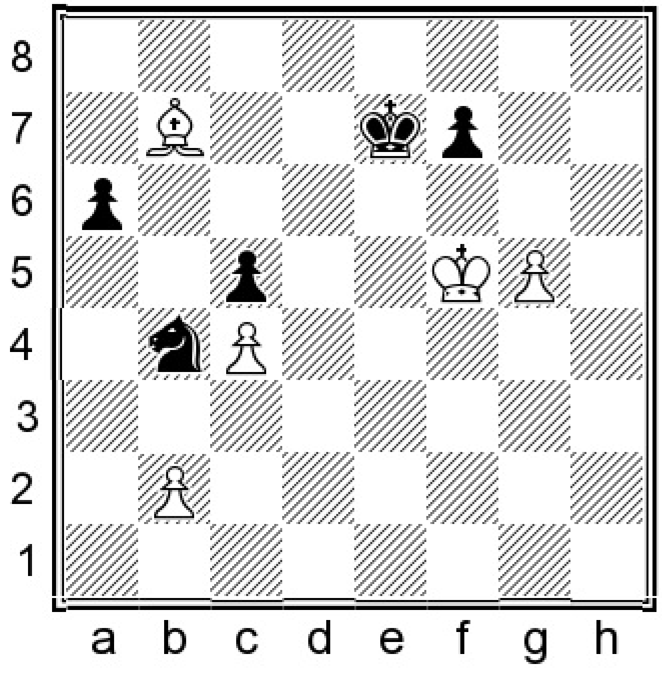
54.♗e5+ ♔e6 55.♗d1?

55.♗c3! ♘b7 56.♗d1 ♘d6+ 57.♔f4 ♔d7 58.b3+- This must be winning. However, it is probably still hard. I personally could not formulate a win, so I expect it to be a move by move tempo winning process.

55...♘c6 56.♗g4+ ♔e7 57.♗c3 ♘b4 58.♗f6+ ♔e8 59.♗d1 ♔d7 60.♔f5 ♘c6 61.♗h5 ♔e8 62.♔e4 ♘b4 63.♗g4 ♘c6 64.♗c8 ♘b4 65.♔f5 ♗e7 Again, Sargissian seems to have obtained a winning position.

66.♗c3?

66.♗b7! A process of creating a zugzwang begins. 66...♗f8 (66...♔f8 67.♗xe7+ ♔xe7



68.♗e4!! ♘a2 69.♔e5 ♘b4 70.♗f5 a5 71.♗e4 a4 72.♗f5 and Black is in zugzwang.) 67.g6! fxg6+ 68.♔e6 ♗h6 69.♗e7 ♗f8 70.♗g5 ♗g7 71.♗e4 ♔f8 (71...♗xb2 72.♗e7 a5 73.♗xg6#) 72.♗e7+ ♔g8 73.♗xc5 ♘a2 74.♗a3+-

66...♔d8 67.♗b7 ♔c7 68.♗f3 ♔d7 Harikrishna is back to the safety again, but... **69.♗h5 ♔e8 70.♗d1 ♔f8 71.♗a4 ♗d6 72.♗f6 ♔g8?** This is a wrong plan.

72...♗g3

73.♗d1 ♔f8 74.♗a4

74.g6! ♘c6 (74...fxg6+ 75.♔e6 and wins the pawn on c5.) 75.gxf7 ♔xf7 76.♗h5+ ♔g8 77.♔e6 ♗f8 78.♔d7 ♘b4 79.♗g6 ♗h6 80.♔d6 ♗e3 81.♗c3 ♘a2 82.♗a5 White will win this in a similar fashion to the game.

74...♔g8 75.g6? Now it is the wrong time but...

75.♗d7

75...fxg6+ 76.♔xg6 ♔f8 77.♔f5 ♘d3? ... seems to be the losing blunder, which gives White the crucial winning tempo.

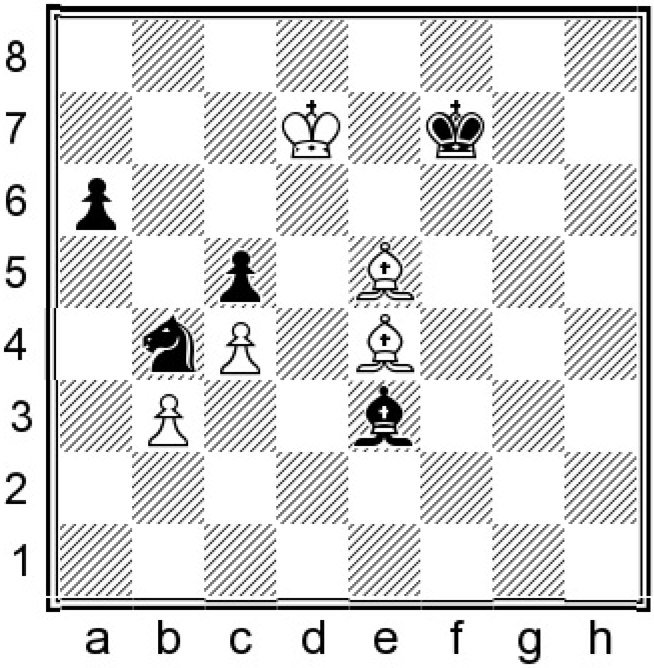
77...♗e7 78.♗c3 ♔f7=

78.♔e6! Black's king is doomed now.

78...♗g3 79.♗e7+ ♔g7 80.♗c2 ♘b4 81.♗e4 ♗f2 82.b3 ♗d4 83.♗d6 ♗e3 84.♗e5+ ♔f8 85.♔d7 ♔f7 86.♗f5

86.♗b1! The winning manoeuvre is not an easy one to execute. The White king goes to d6 and the bishop to b6. 86...♗f2 87.♔d6 ♗e3 88.♗g3 ♗g1 89.♗e1 ♗e3 90.♗h4! ♗g1 91.♗d8 ♗e3 92.♗b6+-

86...♗f2 87.♔d6 ♗e3 88.♗e4 ♗f2 89.♔d7 ♗e3



90.♗d6?? This is surprisingly a blunder.

90.♗b1! - 86.Bb1!

90...♔f6 91.♔c7 ♔e6 Black must be safe with his king close enough.

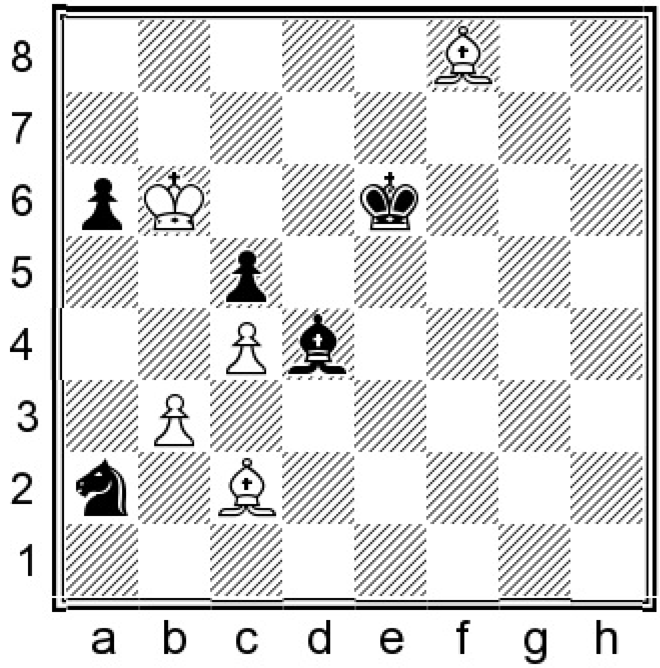
92.♗h7 ♘a2 93.♗e4 ♗d4

93...♘c1 94.♗c2 ♘e2 would have saved the day.

94.♗f8 ♘c3 95.♗c2 ♘a2?!

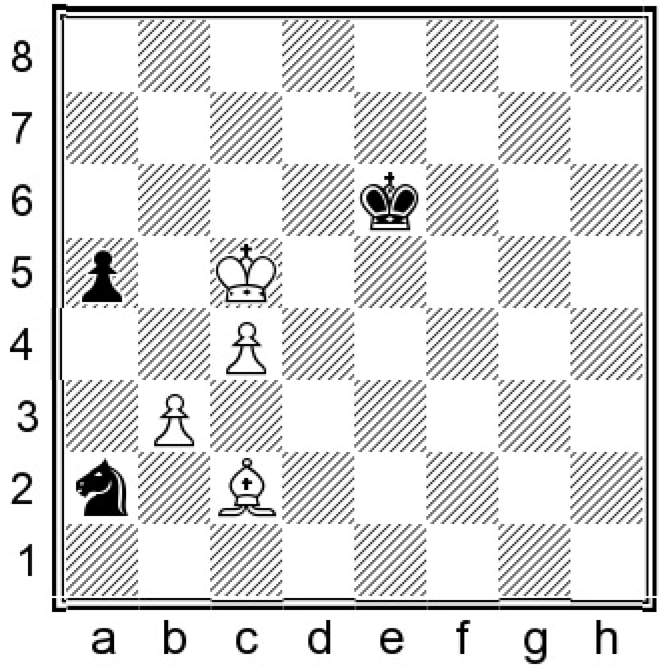
95...♔f7 96.♗d6 ♔e6=

96.♔b6



96...♘b4??

96...a5!! 97.♔xa5 (97.♗xc5 ♗xc5+ 98.♔xc5



98...♔e5!!= Black has some counterplay out of blue! 99.♔b5 ♔d4 100.♔xa5 ♔c5=) 97...♔f7 98.♗h6 ♔e7 and another long suffering awaits Black but this should be a fortress.

97.♗b1 a5 Too late. **98.♗xc5 ♗xc5+ 99.♔xc5 ♔d7 100.♔b6 ♔c8 101.♔xa5 ♘c6+ 102.♔b6 1-0**

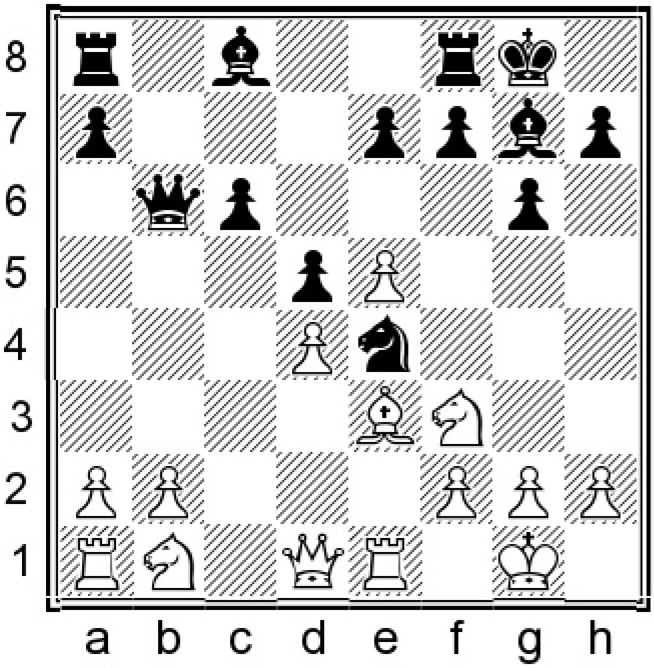
Pentala Harikrishna vs Gabriel Sargissian, Chennai 2022; Photo: FIDE / Mark Livshitz

The most critical game of the event. GM Vakhidov brings the gold medal for the Uzbekistan team with this victory.

B31
Warmerdam, Max (2610) - Vakhidov, Jahongir (2564)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.O-O ♗g7 5.c3 ♘f6 6.d4!? Warmerdam shows eagerness to play for a win. This gambit is becoming topical these days.

6.♖e1 This is the other well-known path where things develop much calmer and in a more solid way. 6...O-O 7.d4 d5 8.e5 ♘e4 9.♗e3 cxd4 10.cxd4 ♕b6 11.♗xc6 (11.♕e2 Caruana,Fabiano 2792 - Carlsen,Magnus 2865, Wijk aan Zee 2022 - 151/49) 11...bxc6 This is more dynamic but it offers better chances to White as well. (11...♕xc6 Very solid response. 12.♘g5 ♘xg5 13.♗xg5 ♖e8 14.♘c3±)

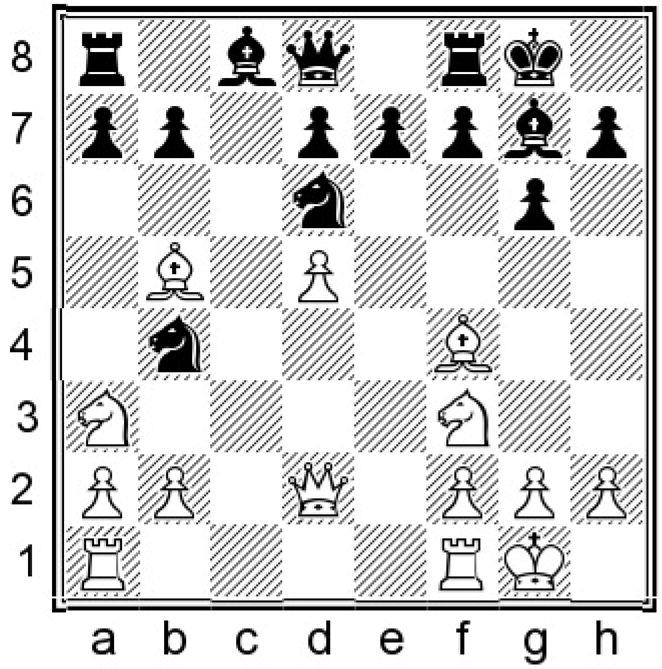


12.♕c2! A rare choice loved by the engines. (12.♕c1 The most common response but I expect to see more of the Qc2 in the coming years. 12...a5 13.♘c3 a4 N (13...♘xc3) 14.♘xe4 dxe4 15.♘d2 ♗f5 16.♕c3 ♖fb8 17.b3 ♕b4 18.♕xb4 ♖xb4 19.a3 ♖xb3! (19...♖b5 20.b4 f6 21.exf6 ♗xf6 22.♖ac1± Giri,Anish 2773 - Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2624, Oslo 2022) 20.♘xb3 axb3 21.a4 ♗e6=∞) 12...♗f5 13.♘h4 ♖ab8 14.b3 c5 15.dxc5 ♕e6 16.♘xf5 gxf5 17.♘d2 ♗xe5 18.♖ad1 White has the upper hand. Although engines do not show a lot of advantage for White.

6...cxd4 Vakhidov avoids the gambit.

7.e5

7.cxd4 ♘xe4 8.d5 ♘d6 9.♘a3 ♘b4! This is why inclusion of cd4 matters a lot. 10.♗g5 (10.♗f4?! O-O 11.♕d2

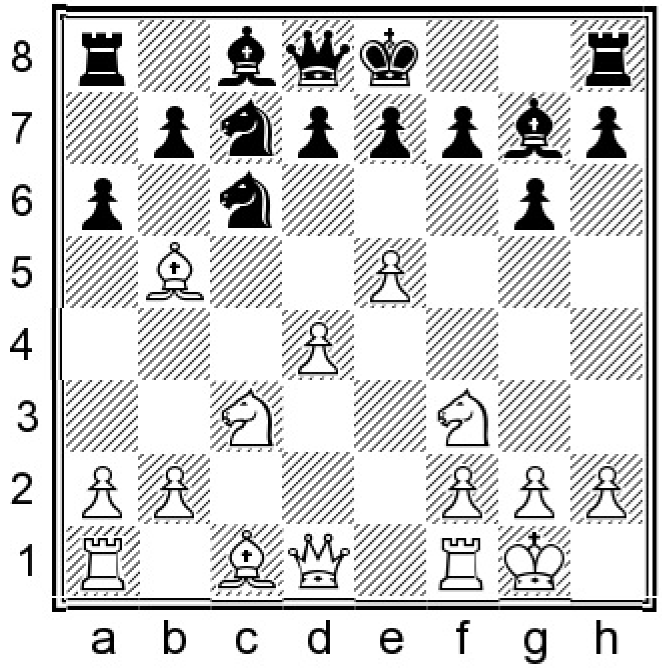


11...♘a6!?N A new move! 12.♗xa6 bxa6 13.♖ac1 a5 14.♖fe1 ♗a6 15.b3=∞; 10.♕b3 a5 11.♖e1 O-O 12.♗g5 ♗f6! (12...♖e8?! 13.♘c4! (13.♖ad1? ♘xb5∓ Machata,Martin 2249 - Balenovic,Zvonimir 2200, Hrvatska 2013)) 13.♗xf6 exf6 14.♘d4 b6 15.♕g3=∞) 10...O-O 11.♕d2 (11.♖e1 ♖e8 12.♕d2 transposes.) 11...a5 12.♖fe1 ♖e8=∞ Bisby,Daniel 2310 - Jackson,James 2352, Great Britain 2014

7...♘d5 8.cxd4 ♘c7 9.♘c3! Engine's favorite.

9...a6?N Not the best novelty according to my database. I could not find anything in the correspondence database either.

9...♘xb5



10.♗c4?!

10.♗a4! O-O (10...b5 11.♗b3 ♘a5 12.d5 ♘xb3 13.♕xb3 ♗b7 14.♗g5 doesn't look good for Black at all.) 11.♗g5 and now d6 is not possible due to 11...d6 12.♖e1 dxe5 13.♗xc6! bxc6 14.♘xe5 ♗xe5 15.dxe5 and Black is positionally busted. So, the Bishop needs to keep an eye on the c6-square. A hefty lesson for Warmerdam.

10...O-O 11.♗g5

11.♘e4! b5 12.♗b3 ♘a5 13.♖e1 ♘xb3 14.♕xb3 ♗b7 15.h4↑ would have kept some initiative for White.

11...d6 Now Black is fine.

12.exd6 ♕xd6 13.d5?! This is too optimistic.

13.♘e4

13...♘a5 14.♕a4?! The final inaccuracy leaves White with a completely losing position.

14.♗e2 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 ♘xd5 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♕xd5 would have kept White in a fight for a draw.

14...♘xc4∓ 15.♕xc4 b5 16.♕e4 ♖e8 The d5-pawn is an expensive liability. It could be that White forgot that after Bf4 and d6 the knight on c7, as ugly as it appears, defends the rook on a8.

17.♖ad1 ♗f5 18.♕h4 b4?!

18...♗xc3 19.bxc3 ♘xd5∓ Seems like an obvious choice when the stake is not that high like the gold medal at the Olympiad.

19.♘e4 ♗xe4 20.♕xe4 ♗xb2 21.♖fe1?

21.♗f4 ♕c5 22.♗xc7 ♕xc7 23.♕xb4 would have probably secured a draw for White had he played accurately from this point onward.

21...♗c3 22.♖e3

22.♗xe7?? ♗xe1-+

22...f6 23.♕h4 ♘xd5 White is down two pawns and he has no initiative. Vakhidov's technique sufficed to win the game and title for the Uzbeki team! Congratulations to the team Uzbekistan!

24.♖ed3 e6 25.♗xf6 ♗xf6 26.♕xf6 ♕xh2+ 27.♔xh2 ♘xf6 28.♖d6 ♘e4 29.♖b6 ♘xf2 30.♖d7 ♘g4+ 31.♔h3 ♘f6 32.♖dd6 a5 33.♘g5 ♖ad8 34.♖xd8 ♖xd8 35.♖xe6 ♖d3+ 36.g3 ♘h5 37.♔h4 ♘g7 38.♖a6 ♘f5+ 39.♔g4 ♖xg3+ 40.♔f4 ♖e3 41.♖xa5 ♖e7 42.♖b5 h6 43.♖b8+ ♔g7 44.♘f3 ♘e3 45.♔g3 ♖e4 46.♖b7+ ♔f6 47.♖b6+ ♔f7 48.♖b7+ ♔e8 49.♘d2 ♖d4 50.♘b3 ♘f5+ 51.♔f3 ♖c4 52.♘d2 ♖d4 53.♘e4 g5 54.♘c5 g4+ 55.♔e2 g3 56.♔f3 ♖c4 57.♘e6 ♖c3+ 58.♔f4 g2 59.♘g7+ ♔d8 60.♖b8+ ♔d7 0-1

Max Warmerdam vs Jakhongir Vakhidov, Chennai 2022; Photo: FIDE / Lennart Ootes

BOSSA NOVA

By GM Rafael Leitão

BRAZIL FIGHTS WITH THE GREATS IN THE OLYMPIAD

Brazil travelled to the Olympiad in Chennai with high hopes in both the Open and in the Women section. Despite all the current lack of support from the Federation, the country still goes through a chess boom, with huge interest from the fans that would awake in the early hours to follow the games live (or, in the case of the last round, would sacrifice sleep completely, since the games started at 1:30 AM).

Rafael Leitão

- **Country:** Brazil
- **Born:** 1979
- **Rating:** 2592
- **Peak rating:** 2652
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1998

The teams had a mix of young blood, rising and seasoned stable players. The final standings might not be so remarkable (21st in the Open Section and 39 in the Women Section), but the teams played good matches and with a little bit of luck the results could have been better.

In the Open Section, in particular, things were going very well at some point. We had a historical win against England (the first time ever) and a draw with the traditionally strong team of the Ukraine (and we were very close to winning this match).

I have played the Olympiad 9 times, but time passes and this time I had to to get used to my new role as a commentator. It's of course not a complaint - for me it was a huge honour to broadcast the rounds and analyze the games with a big online audience. In this article I want to summarize the best I saw in our team's games, be it a nice opening duel, a tense and dramatic middlegame or even the endgame "tragicomedies", as Dvoretzky liked to call it.

Let's start with some examples from our young and promising board one player.

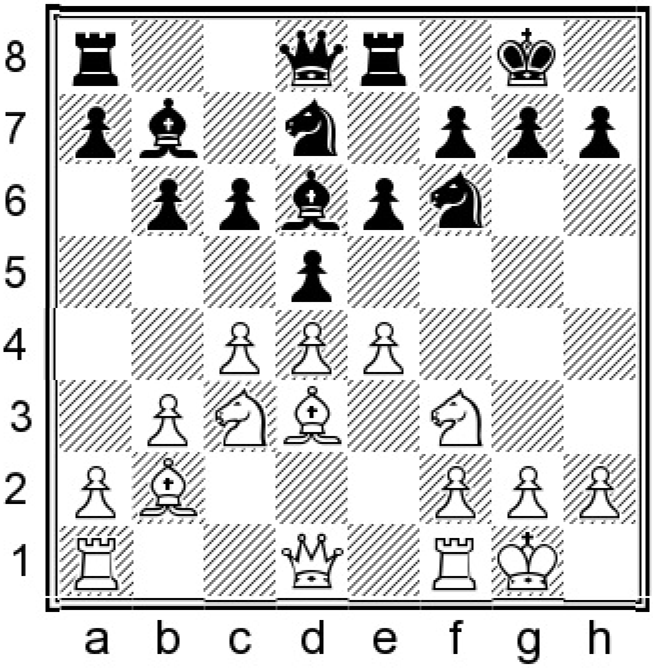
Brazil's Rising Star

GM Luis Paulo Supi represents the new generation of Brazilian chess. He is 26 years old and famously beat Magnus Carlsen in a an online game (while the World Champion was streaming). The game had a pretty combination and this made him famous in Brazil. This adds to the fact that he is very good at online blitz, playing on equal terms with some of the best players in the world, and now he has a huge number of fans. He is winning rating points in all tournaments for some time now and is the current Brazilian Champion. The question remains - how strong is he now and how strong will he get in the coming years? One thing is for sure - he plays with greater strength than he is currently rated. I hope he will get the support to play tournaments in Europe - this is a crucial step in order to improve. He made a debut in the second round in a game that featured some interesting tactical fireworks.

D45
Munoz Santana, Jose Lisandro (2423) - Supi, Luis Paulo (2603)
Chennai (ol), 2022

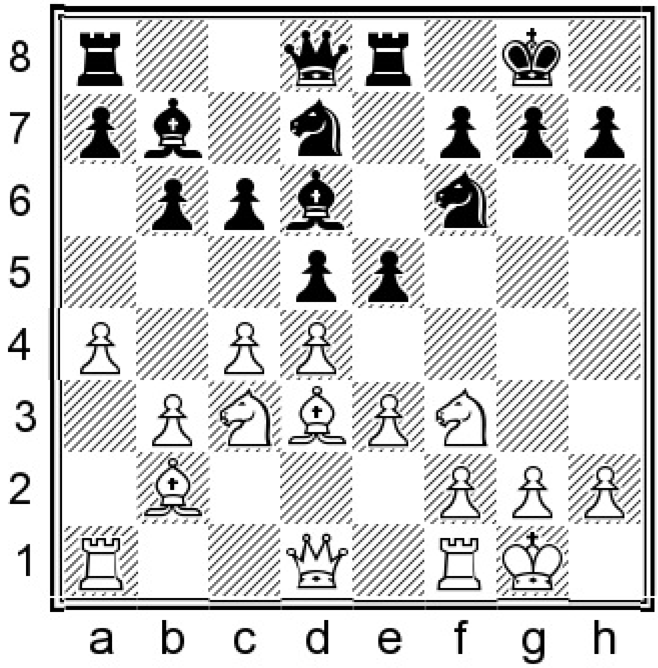
1.♘f3 d5 2.e3 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.b3 ♗d6 5.♗b2 O-O 6.♘c3 c6 7.d4 ♘bd7 8.♗e2 b6 9.O-O ♗b7 10.♗d3
It seems funny to move the bishop once again, but this is still a well-known theory.

10...♖e8 11.e4



This move is premature and doesn't promise an advantage.

11.a4!? was played recently by the mighty Gukesh against the Brazilian wizard GM Fier. The game had some interesting moments. 11...e5?! (11...a6! is more accurate.)



12.cxd5! Gukesh misses the right way to refute Black's play, but it was not easy at all to evaluate the complications. (12.dxe5?! ♘xe5 13.cxd5 ♘xf3+ 14.♕xf3 ♗e5! 15.dxc6 ♗xc6 16.♕e2 (16.♕xc6 ♕xd3 17.♖ac1□ ♖ac8 18.♕b5 ♕d6 19.h3 ♕e6=∞) 16...♘d5? (16...♕d6□=) 17.♖ac1+- ♕h4 18.g3 ♕h3 19.♘e4 ♗b7 20.♗xe5 ♖xe5 21.f4 ♖e7 22.♘g5 ♕h6 23.♗xh7+ ♔h8 24.♗e4 ♖ae8 25.♕b5 ♘f6 26.♗xb7 ♖xb7 27.e4 ♖be7 28.e5 ♘d7 29.♖c7 ♘xe5 30.♕xe5 1 : 0 Gukesh Dommaraju 2684 - Fier,Alexandr 2567, Gijon 2022) 12...e4 (12...cxd5 13.♘b5±) 13.dxc6 ♗xc6 14.♗b5! This is the point. But Black still has some tricks. 14...exf3 15.♗xc6 ♗xh2+! 16.♔h1! (16.♔xh2? ♘g4+ is very dangerous for White, although the computer indicates a draw with best play.) 16...fxg2+ 17.♔xg2 (17.♗xg2 ♗d6±) 17...♖c8 18.♗b7 ♖xc3!? 19.♗xc3 ♗b8 20.♕f3! and White can finally count with the advantage.

11...dxc4!? A clever attempt to complicate the game.

11...dxe4 gives easy equality, but a draw becomes the likely result after 12.♘xe4 ♘xe4 13.♗xe4 ♘f6 14.♗c2 c5 15.dxc5 ♗xc5 16.♘e5=

12.♗xc4 e5? But this is a mistake.

12...b5! is the best. 13.e5! (13.♗d3 e5∓) 13...bxc4 14.exd6 (14.bxc4 ♗e7 15.exf6 ♗xf6 16.c5 ♗a6! and Black has good play.) 14...cxb3 15.axb3 ♘b6 16.♗a3 ♘c8 17.♘e5 ♘xd6 18.♗c5= with a roughly equal position.

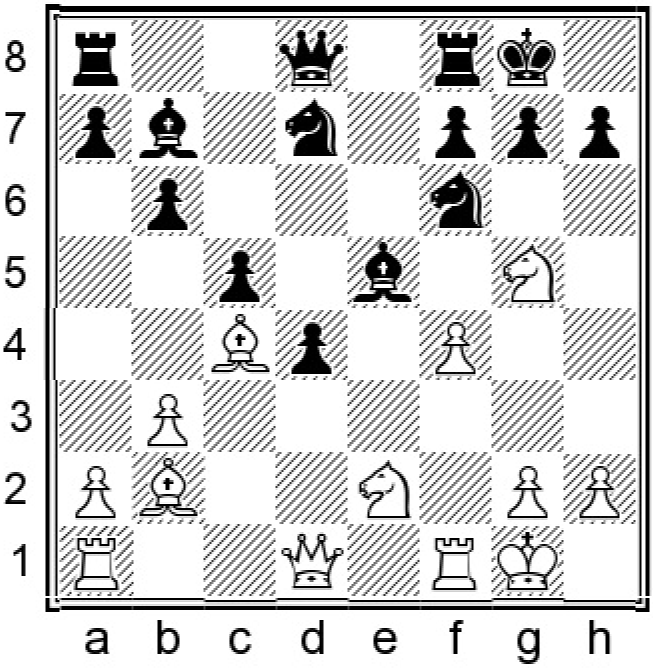
13.♘g5! Munoz Santana exploits Supi's mistake very well.

13...♖f8

13...♖e7 is not enough. 14.f4! exd4 15.e5 dxc3 16.exd6 cxb2 17.dxe7 ♕xe7 18.♖b1±

14.f4! This is the point of White's play.

14...exd4 15.♘e2 c5 16.e5 ♗xe5



17.fxe5? The game is so complicated that one move is enough to change the evaluation from winning to losing.

17.♘xf7! ♖xf7 18.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 19.fxe5 ♘xe5 20.♘xd4! This is the move White probably missed. 20...♕d5□ (20...cxd4 21.♕h5+ gives a winning attack after 21...♘g6 (21...♔e6 22.♕f5++-) 22.♖xf6+! gxf6 (22...♕xf6 23.♖f1+-; 22...♔xf6 23.♖f1+ ♔e6 24.♕g4++-) 23.♕xh7+) 21.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 22.♕xf3 ♕xf3 23.gxf3± and White should win this endgame.

17...♘xe5 Now the advantage is with Black.

18.h3

18.♘g3 h6 19.♗c1! Apparently this is White's best chance, but it's not human to play like this.

18...h6-+ 19.♘f3 ♗xf3 20.gxf3 ♕d7

20...♘h5-+ is also very good.

21.♘f4 ♖fe8

21...b5; 21...♖ad8

22.♔h2? A blunder in a difficult position. **22...♘xc4 23.bxc4 ♕d6 0-1**

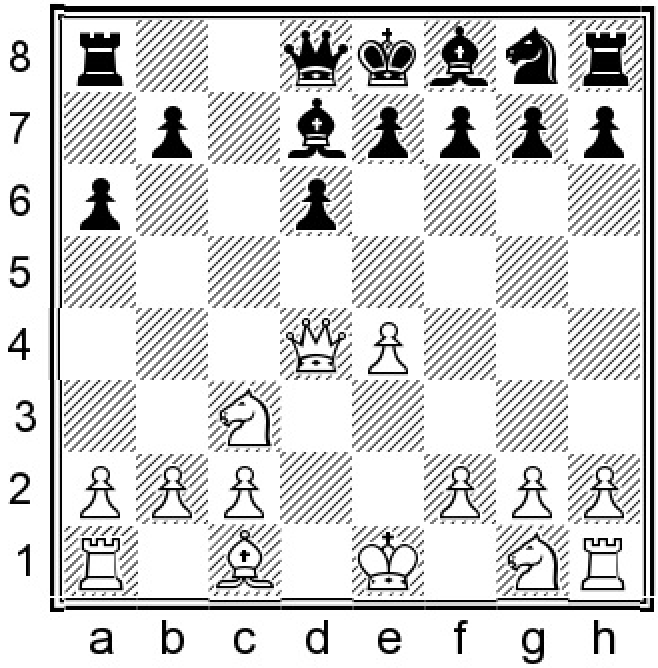
Luís Paulo Supi, Chennai 2022; Photo FIDE / Madelene Belinki

To play Black against the legendary Shirov is surely a big test. But Supi survived not only this, but other difficult pairings - he reamined undefeated and transpired confidence to the teammates.

B23
Shirov, Alexei (2704) - Supi, Luis Paulo (2603)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.♗b5+ To me it was a surprise to see Shirov playing a sideline in the Sicilian.

3...♘d7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♕xd4 a6 6.♗xd7+ ♗xd7



7.f4?! I don't think this is good. 7.Nf3 is more normal and better, but I understand that Shirov wanted to lead the game to uncharted waters.

7.♘f3 McShane,Luke 2647 - Keymer, Vincent 2655, Deutschland 2022 - 152/58, B 51

7...♗c6 8.♗d2 ♘f6 9.O-O-O g6 10.♘f3?!

10.g4! poses more problems. 10...♗g7 11.g5 ♘h5 12.♕d3 followed by Nge2-g3, with a double edged game.

10...♗g7 11.♖he1 O-O Now Black is better - his play on the queenside is easier and having the bishop's pair always helps.

12.♕f2 ♕a5?! This move is hard to understand, since the queen is in trouble and should go back to c7 soon.

12...♕c7 is better.

13.♔b1 ♖fe8 This defends the e7-pawn to create a trap.

14.h3

14.♘d5? ♘xe4!-+ The point.

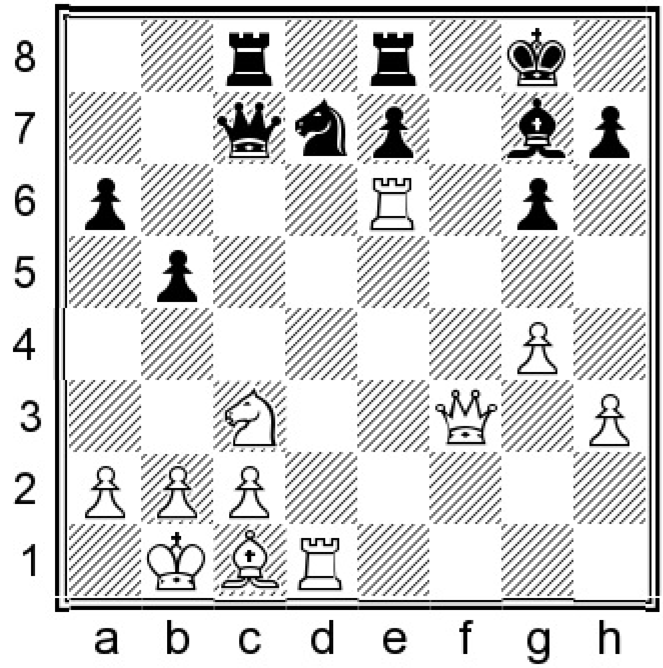
14.e5 dxe5 15.♘xe5 ♕c7=

14...♖ac8 15.g4 ♕c7 16.♗c1 b5 Both sides play logically and the tension grows.

17.e5 ♗xf3 This move might objectively not be the best, but it's difficult to criticize.

17...♘d7 18.♘g5!? This is very dangerous for Black in practice. (18.e6 fxe6 19.♘g5 is also possible.) 18...dxe5 19.fxe5 ♘xe5 20.♗f4 With the computer turned on it seems Black can escape, but this is not an advisable position to play against Shirov. 20...♖f8 and now White has some interesting attempts, for instance: 21.♖xe5!? and now Black has to find the only move 21...h6! in order to survive. (21...♗xe5? 22.♕h4 h5 23.gxh5 ♗xf4 24.hxg6+-) 22.♘d5 ♗xd5 23.♖exd5 e5=

18.♕xf3 dxe5 19.fxe5 ♘d7 20.e6 fxe6 21.♖xe6 White is pressing now.

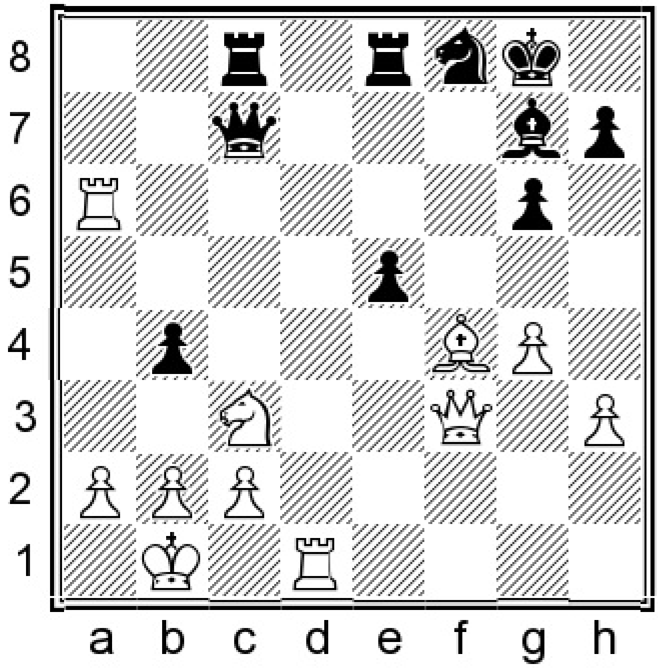


21...♘f8?!

21...♗xc3 22.♕d5! ♗f6 A funny computer move! (22...♕c4 23.♕xc4 bxc4 24.♖xd7±) 23.♖c6+! (23.♖xf6+? e6-+) 23...e6 24.♖xc7 exd5 25.♖xd7 ♖cd8 26.♖7xd5 ♖xd5 27.♖xd5 ♖e1 28.c3 ♖h1 29.♔c2 ♖xh3 30.♖d6± with good winning chances.

22.♗f4

22.♖xa6!! This brilliant move gives White a big advantage. It seems to lose at first sight: what to do after 22...b4 23.♗f4! e5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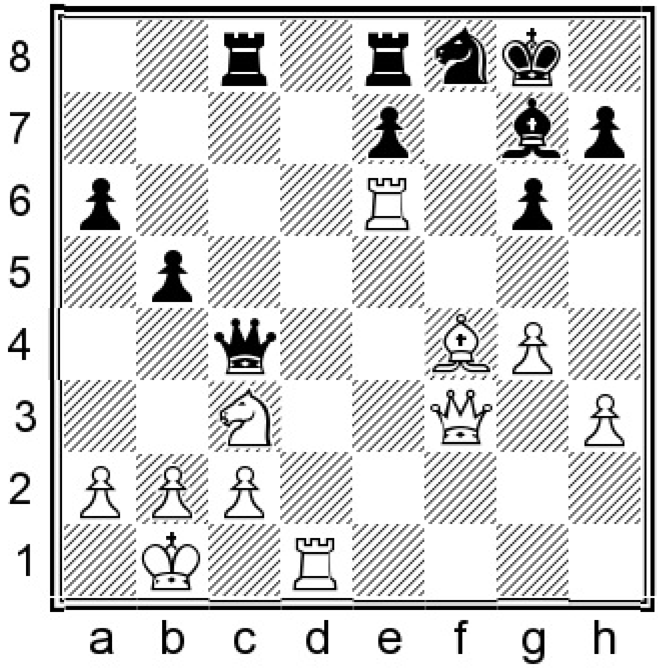
24.♗e3! The brilliant point of White's play. 24...e4 (24...bxc3 25.♖a7 ♕c4 26.b3 ♕e6 27.♖d6! e4 28.♕f2+-) 25.♕f2 ♖cd8 26.♘d5 ♕e5 27.c4! bxc3 28.♘xc3± and after all those fantastic moves, White can celebrate a big advantage.

22...♕c4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23.♖e4?!

23.♖xa6! was once again the best move. 23...e5 (23...♗xc3 24.bxc3±) 24.♗c1 e4 25.♕f2 ♗xc3 (25...b4 26.♖a4□) 26.bxc3±

23...♕c6 24.♖e3?!

24.♕e2! The last chance to fight for an advantage. 24...♗xc3 25.bxc3 ♕xc3 26.♗e5 ♕c6 27.♗b2 e5 28.♖xe5 ♖xe5 29.♗xe5 ♖e8 30.♕h2 ♘d7 31.♗b2 ♘b6±

24...♕xf3 25.♖xf3 ♘e6= Black is fine now.

26.♗c1 ♘d4

26...♗xc3 27.bxc3 ♘c5 28.♗h6 ♘e4=

27.♖f2 ♖f8 28.♖fd2 ♘f3 29.♖d7 ♗xc3 30.bxc3 ♖fe8 31.♗a3 ♘e5 32.♖xe7 ♖xe7 33.♗xe7 ♖xc3 34.♗f6 ♖e3 35.♖d8+ ♔f7 36.♗xe5 ♖xe5 37.♖d7+ ♖e7 38.♖d6 ♖e6 39.♖d7+ ♖e7 40.♖d6 ♖e6 41.♖d7+ ♖e7 1/2-1/2

In the last round Supi played a nice game that resembles some attacks from his favourite player - Leonid Stein.

C54
Supi, Luis Paulo (2603) - Subelj, Jan (2501)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.d3 It seems like everybody plays the Italian nowadays.

4...♘f6 5.O-O d6 6.c3 h6 A prophylactic move to avoid the lines with Bg5.

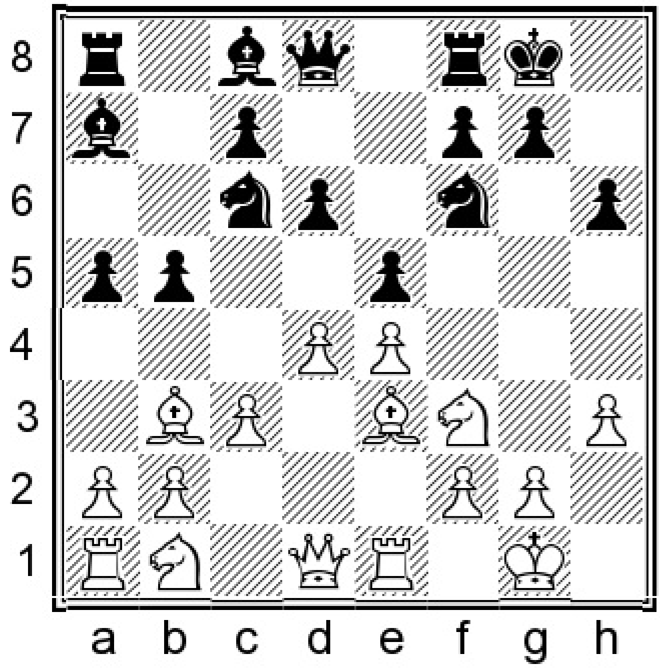
7.♖e1 O-O 8.h3 a5 9.d4

9.♘bd2 is more common.

9...♗a7 10.♗b3 b5N A new move, but I'm not sure it's very good.

10...♖e8

11.♗e3



11...exd4?! And this is definitely wrong.

11...♖e8 is far better.

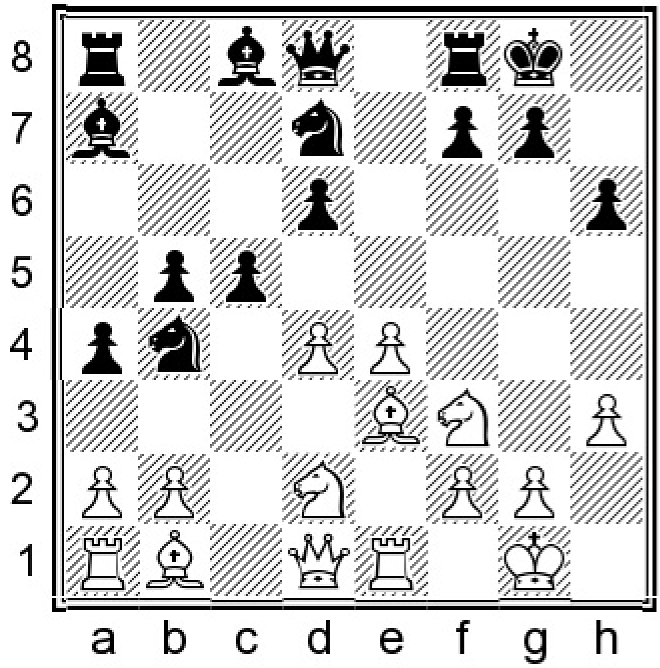
12.cxd4 a4 13.♗c2 ♘b4 14.♘bd2 Not the best way to get an advantage.

14.d5±;

14.♘c3 ♘xc2 15.♕xc2 c6 16.e5±

14...c5 15.♗b1 ♘d7?!

15...♖e8 - again this move was necessary.



16.♘f1?!

Missing a move that surprisingly gives White a winning advantage. 16.♗f4! This is even better than it looks. Now White can get the traditional devastating attack that sometimes happens in the Italian or Ruy Lopez. The b1-bishop is a particularly deadly piece. 16...♕e7 (16...♘b6 17.a3 ♘c6 18.♕c2 ♘xd4 19.♘xd4 cxd4 20.e5→ with a decisive attack.; 16...cxd4 17.♗xd6 ♘c5 18.♗xf8 ♕xf8 19.e5 ♘bd3 20.♖f1± and Black does not have enough compensation.) 17.e5! dxe5 18.♗e4!+- and White is winning in all lines.

16...♘c6

16...♖e8 Again!

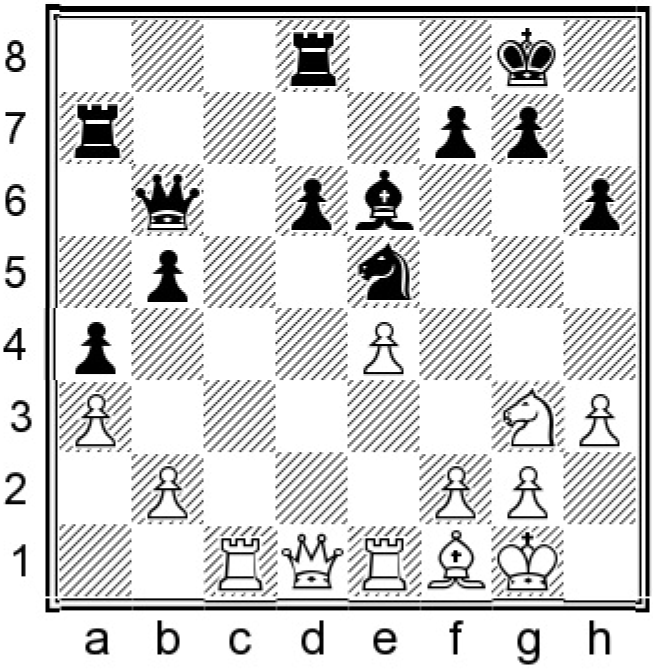
17.♘g3

17.e5!?

17...cxd4 18.♘xd4 ♘xd4 19.♗xd4 ♘e5 20.♗xa7 ♖xa7 21.♗d3 ♕b6 22.♖c1 ♗e6 23.a3 The worst is over for Black, but he should play carefully because the d6-pawn is isolated.

23...b4

23...♖d8 One plan is to go for d5. 24.♗f1



24...d5! 25.exd5 ♖xd5 26.♖c8+ ♔h7! 27.♕c2+ g6=;

23...♕d4 is also possible: 24.♗xb5 ♕xb2 25.♕xd6 ♕xb5 26.♖c5 ♕b2 27.♕xe5 ♕xe5 28.♖xe5 ♖d8= with good drawing chances.

24.♗f1 bxa3 25.bxa3 ♖d8 26.♕d2 ♖b7

26...d5 is natural: 27.exd5 ♖xd5 28.♖c8+ ♔h7 (28...♗xc8 29.♕xd5 ♖a5±) 29.♕c2+ ♘g6!±

27.♖e3

White had other tempting moves: 27.♖b1; 27.♘f5

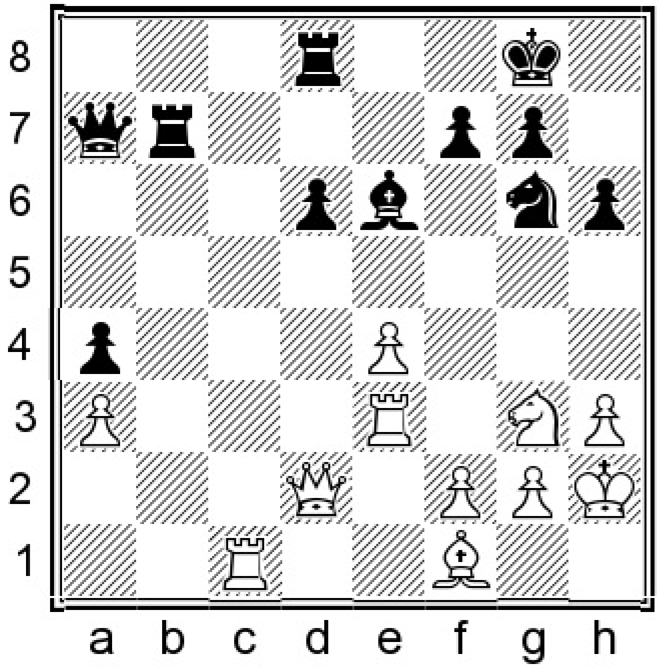
27...♕a7?!

27...♕b2 28.♕xb2 ♖xb2 29.f4±;

27...d5 28.exd5 ♖xd5 29.♕e1±;

27...♘d7!?

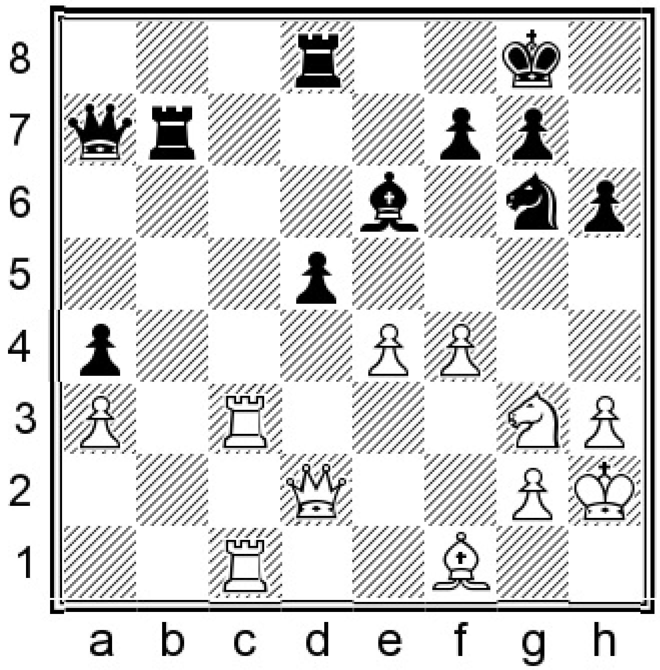
28.♔h2 ♘g6



29.♖ec3?

29.♘h5!+- with the idea of advancing the f-pawn, was decisive.

29...d5! 30.f4 Black now has a narrow way to save the game.



30...d4?

30...♕b8□ 31.f5 (31.e5 d4⇄) 31...dxe4 32.♕f2 ♖b2 33.♕c5 (33.♗e2 ♗xf5! 34.♕xf5 ♖xe2 35.♖c8 ♖xg2+! 36.♔xg2 ♘h4+ 37.♔h2 ♘xf5 38.♖xb8 ♖xb8 39.♘xf5 with a probable draw.) 33...♖d5! 34.♕xd5 ♗xd5 35.♖c8+ ♕xc8 36.♖xc8+ ♘f8= and a draw is the likely result.

31.f5 ♗d7 32.♖c5→ Now the attack is devastating.

32...♘f8 33.f6 ♖b6 34.fxg7 ♘e6 35.♕xh6 ♘xg7 36.♕h4 ♕b8 37.e5 ♘f5 38.♘xf5 ♗xf5 39.♕g5+ ♗g6 40.♖c6 d3 41.♗xd3

41.♗xd3 ♖xc6 42.♖xc6 ♖xd3 43.♖xg6+ fxg6 44.♕xg6+ ♔f8 45.♕xd3+-

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Opening Duels

Kathie Librelato is a young and improving player. She was board number 2 in the Women's team. I like her opening repertoire very much - classical and agressive. In this game things didn't work out, but this should disencourage her from fighting against the Sicilian. In this match, incidentally, the team achieved the best result - a 2 : 2 draw against India 3.

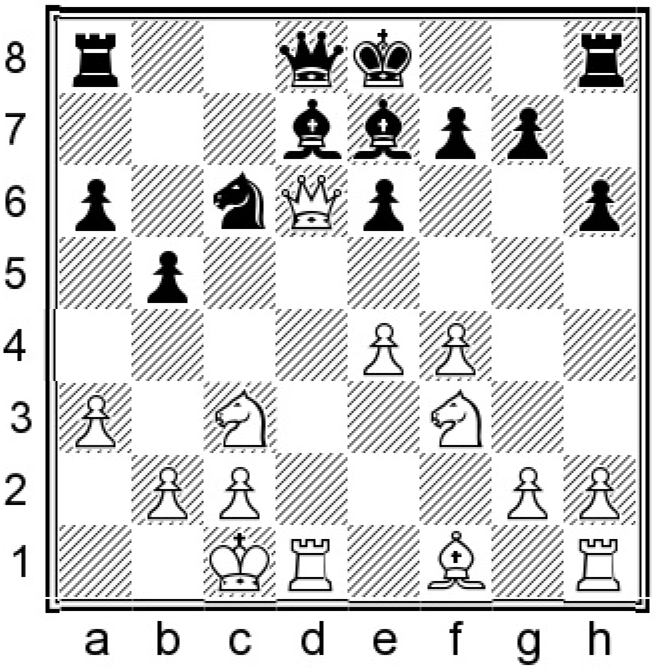
B68
Librelato, Kathie Goulart (2255) - Nandhidhaa, PV. (2312)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 The Classical Sicilian is very popular again and was played in many games in the Olympiad.

6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 ♗e7 8.O-O-O a6 9.f4 ♗d7 10.♘f3 b5 11.a3!? An interesting try to avoid the main line after 11.Bf6.

11...h6 12.♗h4

12.♗xf6 ♗xf6!? (12...gxf6 leads to the typical pawn structure from this line, but I would like to point out that 12...Bf6 is not so bad.) 13.♕xd6 ♗e7



14.♕d3! an accurate move. (14.♕d2 ♕c7 and Black is already better. (14...♖a7)) 14...♕c7 15.f5 ♖d8 16.fxe6 fxe6 (16...♗xe6?! 17.♘d5) 17.e5! That's why the queen is important on d3. 17...♘xe5 18.♘xe5 ♕xe5 19.♕g6+ ♔f8= and Black seems to escape with equality here, anyway.

12...b4

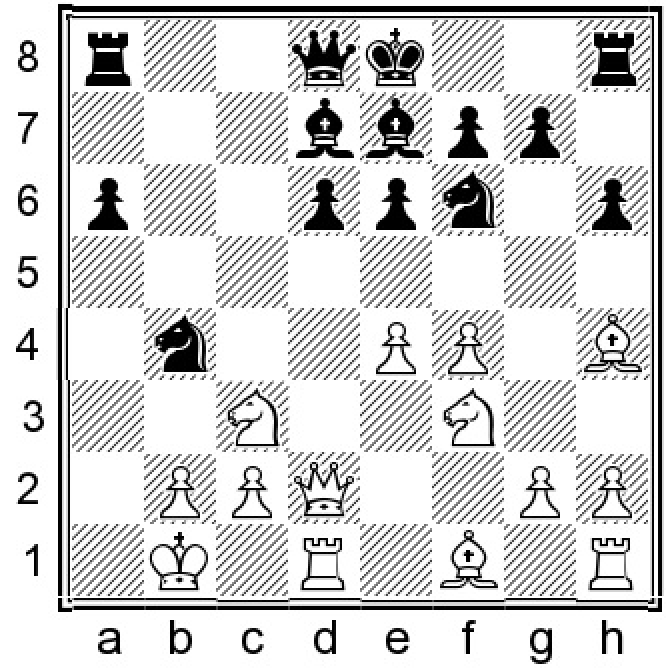
12...♕a5!? 13.♔b1 ♖d8 is possible, too.

13.axb4 ♘xb4 14.♔b1

14.e5? ♕a5-+;

14.♗c4!? I guess this move is the critical one.

14...♕c7∞



14...♗c6N An important new move.

14...♖b8 15.e5 ♘fd5 (15...dxe5? 16.♘xe5 Shankland,Samuel 2713 - Maghsoodloo,Parham 2656, Biel 2019 - 141/60) 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♘xd5 exd5 18.exd6 ♕xd6 19.♕e3+ ♔f8 and Black's position is not so bad as it looks.

15.♗c4

15.e5 dxe5 16.♘xe5 ♕c7 17.♘xc6 ♕xc6 (17...♘xc6 18.f5! is more dangerous.) 18.♗e2 ♖d8 19.♗f3! ♕c7 20.♕e3 O-O=;

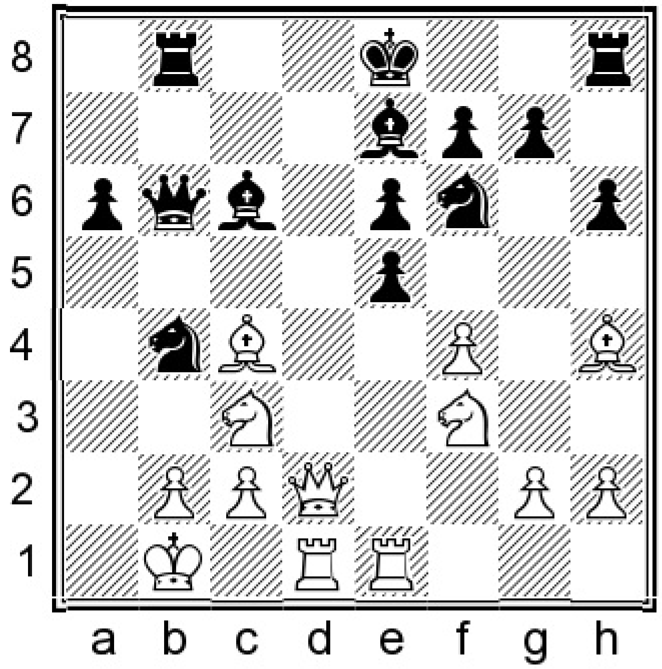
15.f5 ♖b8 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.♗c4 ♘xe4□ 18.♘xe4 ♗xe4 19.♗xe7 ♕xe7∞

15...♕b6 16.♖he1 ♖b8

16...O-O! is better: 17.f5 (17.e5 dxe5 18.♘xe5 (18.fxe5? ♖ad8) 18...♖ab8 19.♗b3 ♖fd8∓) 17...e5 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♕e3∞ with chances for both sides.

17.e5! Now crazy complications start.

17...dxe5



18.♘xe5

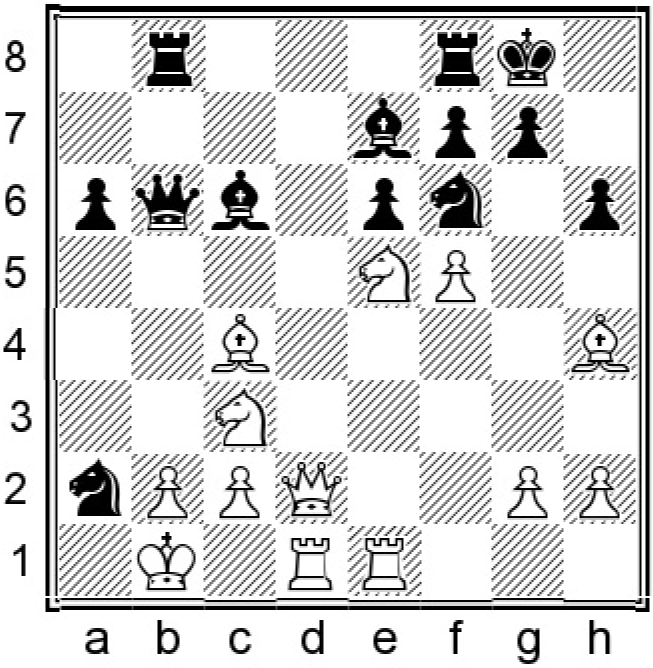
18.f5!!↑ This fantastic move gives White a dangerous initiative. 18...♗xf3 (18...exf5? 19.♘xe5 O-O 20.♗b3!+-; 18...O-O 19.fxe6±; 18...♘bd5 19.♗b3 ♗b4 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.♖xe5 ♗xc3 22.bxc3 ♗a4 23.♘d4 O-O 24.♖xe6 ♕c5 25.♔b2 ♗xb3 26.cxb3 ♘b6 27.♖c6 ♕d5±) 19.gxf3 ♘c6□ (19...exf5 20.♗xf6 ♕xf6 (20...gxf6 21.♗b3+-) 21.♕d7+ ♔f8 22.♕c7 ♖d8□ 23.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 24.♕c5+ ♕e7 25.♖xe5 ♕xc5 26.♖xc5+-) 20.♘a4 ♕b4□ 21.♗xf6 ♕xd2 22.♖xd2 gxf6 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.c3 ♔f7 25.♖d7↑ with the initiative in the endgame.

18...O-O 19.f5

19.♗b3 ♖fd8 20.♕c1 ♘bd5 21.♖d3 ♘xc3+ 22.♖xc3 ♗d5 23.♗xf6 ♗xf6 24.♗xd5 exd5 25.♖b3=

19...♖fd8

19...♘a2!? is dangerous for White:



20.b3! (20.♗b3 ♖fd8 21.♘xc6 ♕xc6 22.♔xa2 ♖xd2 23.♖xd2 e5 24.♖xe5 ♗b4∓) 20...♖fd8 (20...♘xc3+? 21.♕xc3 ♗b4 22.♕h3 ♗xe1 23.♗xf6+-) 21.♕e3 and the computer claims White is surviving here.

20.♘d3? A blunder that loses immediately.

The game was equal after the alternatives: 20.♕c1 ♖xd1 21.♘xd1□ (21.♖xd1? ♘e4!-+) 21...♗d5! 22.c3 ♖c8! 23.♗xd5 (23.cxb4? ♕xb4) 23...♘bxd5=;

20.♕f2 ♘bd5! 21.♕xb6 ♘xc3+ 22.bxc3 ♖xb6+ 23.♔a2 ♖xd1 (23...♗d5 24.♗xd5 ♘xd5 (24...♖xd5 25.♖xd5 ♘xd5 26.♗xe7 ♘xe7=) 25.♖xd5□ ♗xh4 (25...♖xd5? 26.♗xe7) 26.♖xd8+ ♗xd8=) 24.♖xd1=

20...♕d4!-+ Winning material.

21.♗g3 ♕xc4 22.♗xb8 ♖xb8 The rest is easy.

23.♘e5 ♕c5 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.♘xc6 ♕xc6 26.♕f4 ♖b7 27.♕e5 ♘fd5 28.♕xe6+ ♕xe6 29.♖xe6 ♘xc3+ 30.bxc3 ♘d5+ 31.♔a1 ♘xc3 32.♖xe7 ♖xe7 33.♖d6 ♖b7 0-1

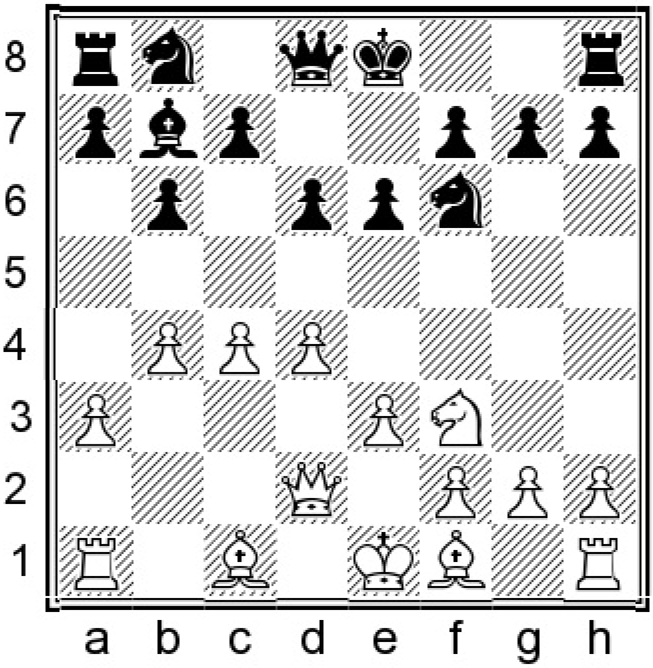
GM Mekhitarian played a very good Olympiad on board 3. His games are always fun to watch - good opening preparation, a combative style (he had only one draw in the whole tournament) and guaranteed time trouble. His last round game is important for the theory of the Bogo-Indian and features a wonderful exchange sacrifice.

E14
Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag (2535) - Markoja, Boris (2452)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♗b4+ 4.♘bd2 b6 5.a3 ♗xd2+ 6.♕xd2 ♗b7 7.e3 d6 This version of the Bogo-Indian is not very popular nowadays. The general conclusion is that White has a comfortable edge with the bishop's pair.

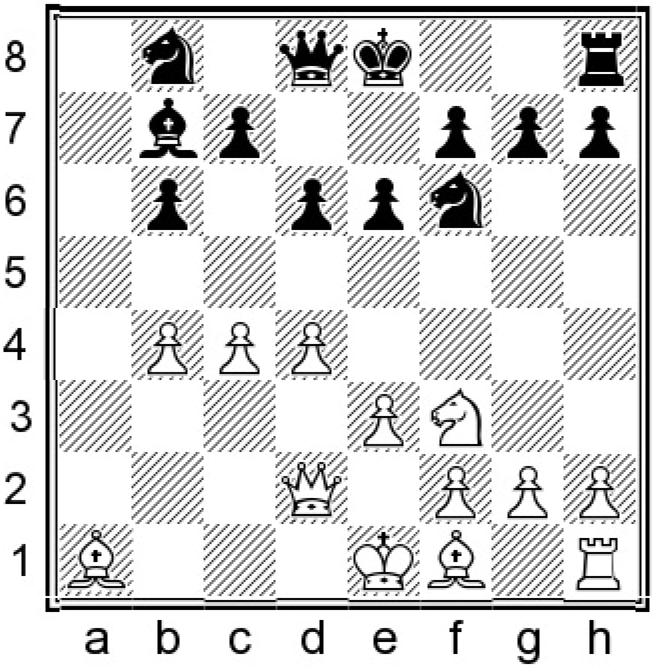
8.b4?!

This is the best move order. 8.♗e2



8...♘bd7?! Black fails to exploit his chance.

8...a5! is the best. 9.♗b2 (9.b5? I was surprised to discover how big this mistake is. The computer already claims Black is much better. 9...♘bd7 10.♗e2 ♕e7 11.♗b2 And now Black just starts advancing the kingside. 11...g5! (11...O-O-O is also possible.) 12.O-O g4 13.♘e1 ♖g8 and the attack on the kingside is decisive, althought I must admit this surprises me.) 9...axb4 10.axb4 ♖xa1+ 11.♗xa1



11...♗xf3! This new move is the right way to play! 12.gxf3 O-O 13.♗e2 (13.♗d3 ♘bd7 14.O-O ♘h5⇄) 13...♘bd7 14.♗c3 (14.O-O ♘h5 15.♔h1 ♕h4⇄) 14...♕e7 15.O-O ♖a8 16.♖a1 ♖xa1+ 17.♗xa1 ♘f8= and the knights are not worse than the bishops.

9.♗b2 O-O 10.♗e2 ♘e4 11.♕c2 f5 12.O-O ♖f6 13.d5! This is known by opening theory as the refutation to Black's play.

13...♖g6 14.♖ad1

14.♘d4! is even better. White is winning here. 14...♕g5 (14...exd5 15.♘xf5 ♕g5 16.♘g3+-) 15.g3+-

14...c5!? A clever move.

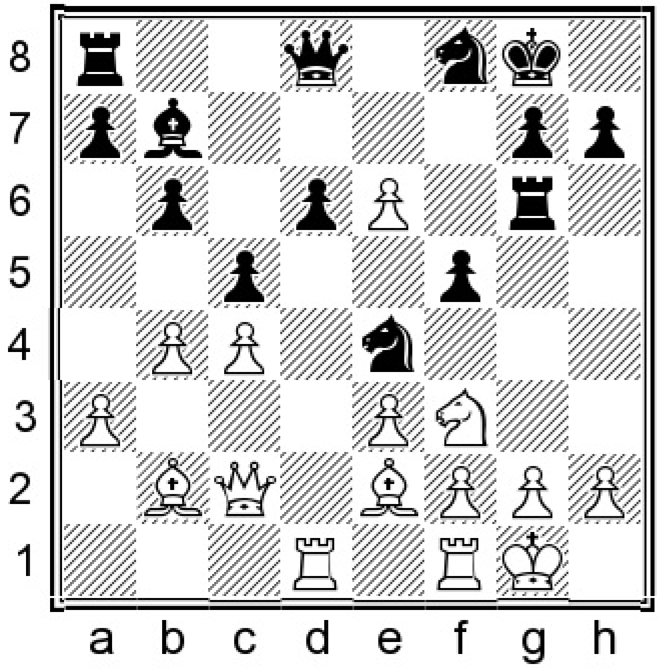
14...e5 Closes the b7-bishop and White has a clear advantage.

15.dxe6?!

15.♗d3!? gives White the advantage, for instance: 15...exd5 16.cxd5 ♗xd5 17.♗c4 ♗xc4?! (17...♗e6! is better.) 18.♕xc4+ ♔h8 19.♕f7!±

15...♘f8?

15...♖xe6 is forced, with chances for both sides.



16.♖d5!! This brilliant sacrifice decides the game.

16...♗xd5 Black has to accept the gift, otherwise the f-pawn is lost.

16...♘xe6 17.♖xf5+-

17.cxd5+- The e6-pawn is a monster.

17...♖c8 18.♗d3! cxb4 19.e7! ♕e8 20.exf8=♕+ ♕xf8 21.♕b1 bxa3 22.♗xa3 White is totally winning.

22...♕e7 23.♖c1 ♖e8 24.♕c2 ♖f6 25.♘d4 ♕f7 26.♘e6 ♘c5 27.♗b2 ♘xd3 28.♕xd3 ♖g6 29.♖c7 ♖e7 30.♖c8+ ♖e8 31.♕c2 ♕d7 32.♖c7 ♕b5 33.♕xf5 ♔h8 34.♕f7 1-0

We played an historical match against Ukraine. Both teams missed some chances and the draw was a fair result. This was the final game of the match. A trendy opening was played and White tried a new plan - the game has theoretical importance.

C65
Shevchenko, Kirill (2642) - Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag (2535)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.♗xc6 dxc6 6.♘bd2 This was played many times in the Candidates Tournament.

6...♘d7 7.O-O O-O 8.♘c4 ♖e8 9.♔h1 Very logical and less common than 9.Bd2 and 9.Be3. White makes an useful move for the kingside expansion with g3, Nh4, f4 and so on.

9.♗d2; 9.♗e3; 9.a4 Shevchenko had tried this a few months before. 9...f6 10.♗e3 ♗f8= Shevchenko,Kirill 2644 - Kryvoruchko,Yuriy 2683, Deutschland 2022

9...f6 10.♘h4! ♘f8 11.♗e3 ♗d6N A logical novelty.

11...♕e7 12.♗xc5 ♕xc5 13.♘e3± Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter 2657 - Krysa,Leandro Sergio 2523, Spilimbergo 2018

12.g3 Preparing f4.

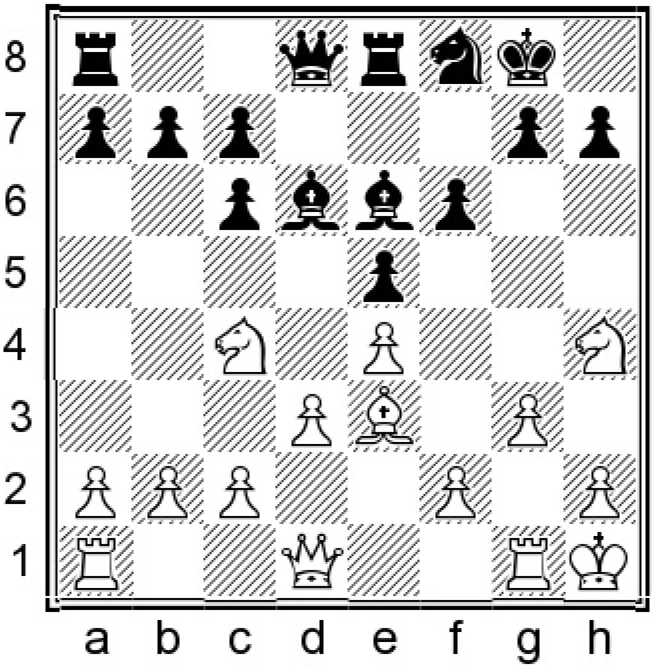
12...♗h3? This seemingly natural move is actually a mistake that makes black's position very difficult. The point is that white's rook is better on g1 than it is on f1, as we will see.

12...♗e6 immediately is better. 13.♘f5± (13.♘xd6?! is bad now: 13...cxd6 14.f4? exf4 15.gxf4 f5!∓);

12...♘g6 13.♘f5 ♗xf5 (13...♘e7 14.g4±) 14.exf5 ♘e7 15.g4±;

12...b5 is also possible: 13.♘a5 ♘g6!? 14.♘xg6 (14.♘f5?! ♗xf5 15.exf5 ♘e7=) 14...hxg6 15.♘xc6 ♕d7 16.♘a5 ♗b4 with some compensation for the pawn.

13.♖g1 ♗e6



14.♘xd6! cxd6 15.f4! White prepares f5, followed by g4 with a crushing attack.

15...f5!? A desperate pawn sacrifice to complicate the game.

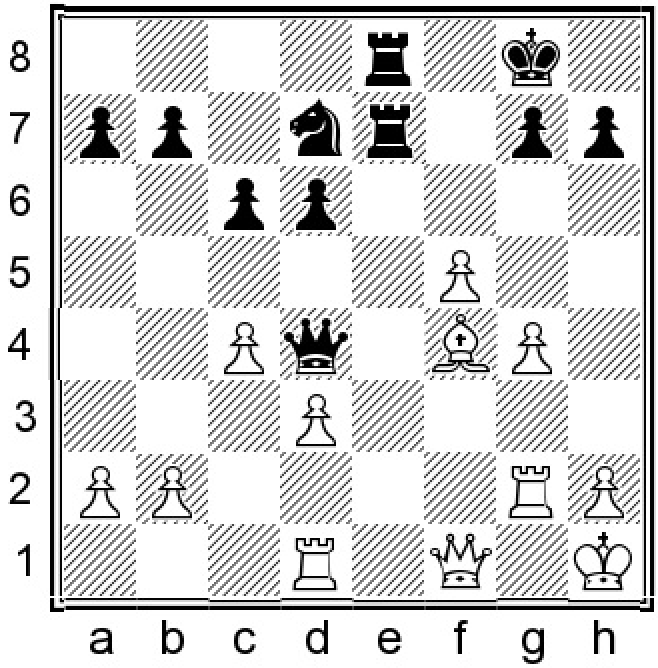
15...exf4? 16.gxf4 f5 17.♗d4!+- This is the point - thanks to the g1-rook White has this crushing move.

15...d5 16.f5 ♗f7 17.♕e2→ followed by g4 with a strong attack.

16.♘xf5 ♗xf5 17.exf5 exf4 18.♗xf4 ♕a5

18...♕f6 is also not enough: 19.g4 ♕xb2 20.♗xd6±

19.g4 ♕d5+ 20.♖g2 ♖e7 21.♕f1 ♖ae8 22.c4 ♕d4 23.♖d1 ♘d7



24.♕f2?! White starts to hesitate. The game becomes very nervous.

24.g5± followed by f6 was good.

24...♕f6?!

24...♖e4! gives good saving chances. 25.♗g3! (25.♕xd4 ♖xd4=) 25...♕xf2 (25...♖xg4? 26.♖e1!+-) 26.♗xf2 (26.♖xf2 ♖xg4 27.♗xd6±) 26...♖f4±

25.h3?!

25.♖f1 ♖e2 26.♕xe2 ♖xe2 27.♖xe2±

25...♘c5?!

25...♖e2! The position with queen against two rooks is surpringly good for Black. 26.♕xe2 (26.♕f3 ♕xb2=) 26...♖xe2 27.♖xe2 h5!⇄ with the idea of playing Qh4 and Nf6 - Black gets counterplay and queen + knight is an explosive combination.

26.♔h2 b6 27.♕f3 ♕d4 28.♕f2

28.g5+- is crushing.

28...♕f6

28...♖e4!±

29.b3 d5 30.♕f3

30.cxd5! is more accurate. 30...cxd5 31.♕f3 Likely transposing to the game.

30...♕d4?!

30...g5! Now Black can try this interesting resource. 31.fxg6 hxg6=∞ with decent compensation.

31.cxd5 cxd5 32.♕f2

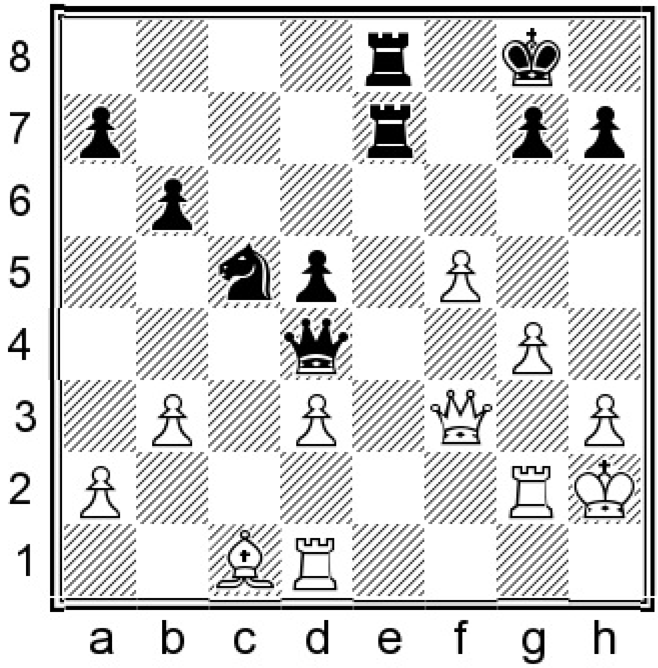
32.g5+-

32...♕c3 33.♕f3

33.g5+-

33...♕d4 34.♗c1?

34.♕f2; 34.g5



34...♖e3! Krikor makes use of the chance to sacrifice the exchange! He has armenian roots and no doubt the great legend of exchange sacrifice, Tigran Petrosian, would be glad to know his legacy is felt in Brazil!

35.♗xe3 ♖xe3 36.♕f1 ♘xd3 The position is now very dangerous for White. It was time to bail out.

37.f6?

37.♖xd3! is the only move. 37...♖xd3 38.♖e2= with a draw.

37...♕e5+ 38.♔g1 ♘f4-+ The attack is too strong now.

39.f7+ ♔f8 40.♖c1 ♖xh3 41.♕f2 ♕e4 42.♖c2 Black can win in several ways.

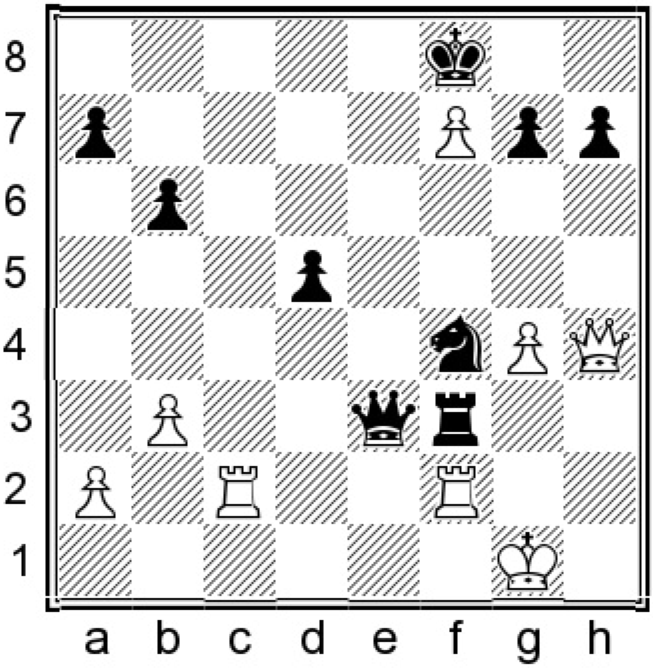
42...♖f3

42...♔xf7-+ is probably the safest way to decide the game.

43.♕h4 ♕e3+

43...♘xg2 wins, but gives some extra heart beats after: 44.♖c8+ (44.♕d8+ ♔xf7 45.♖c7+ ♔g6 46.♖c6+ ♖f6-+) 44...♔xf7 45.♕h5+ (45.♖c7+ ♔g8 46.♖c8+ ♖f8-+) 45...g6! 46.♕xh7+ ♔f6! and the king escapes.

44.♖gf2



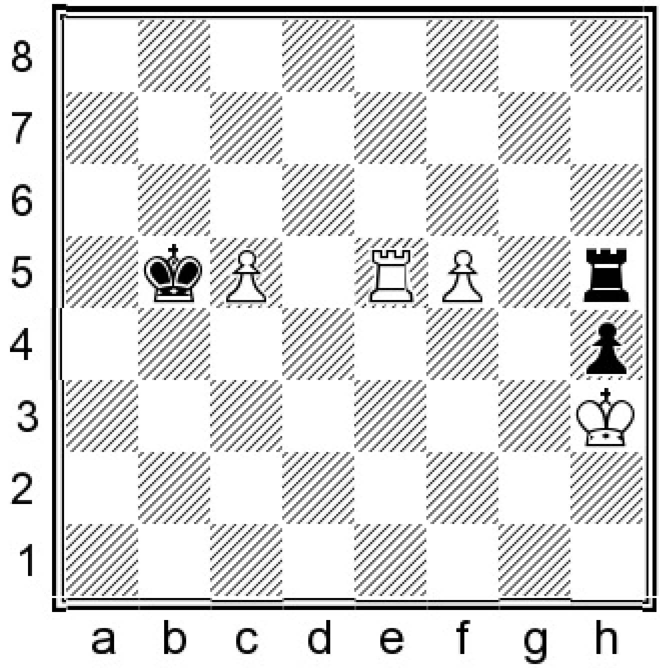
44...♖g3+?

44...♘h3+□ The only way to win. 45.♕xh3 ♕xf2+! 46.♖xf2 ♖xh3 47.♖c2 ♖g3+ 48.♔f2 ♖xg4 49.♖c8+ ♔xf7 50.♖c7+ ♔f6 51.♖xa7 h5-+ winning.

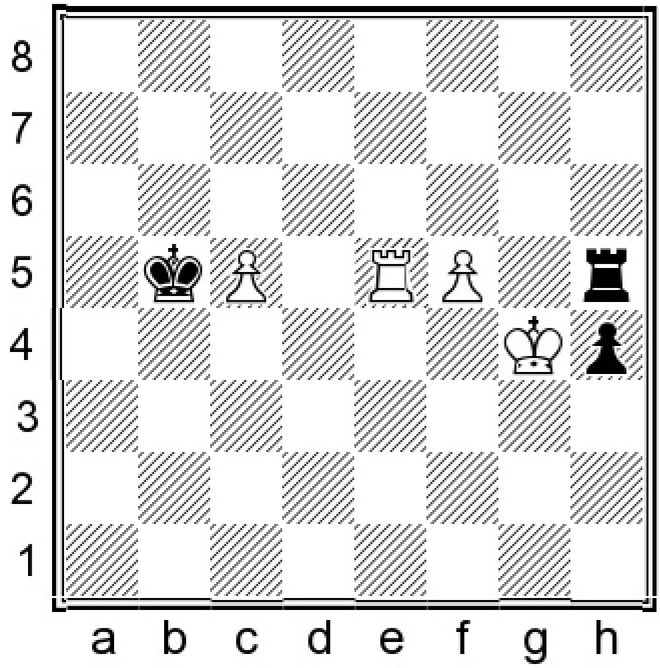
45.♔f1 ♕d3+ 46.♖ce2 ♕d1+ 47.♖e1 ♕d3+ 48.♖ee2 ♕b1+ 49.♖e1 ♕d3+ A dramatic game where both sides have reasons to regret - and to celebrate. **1/2-1/2**

Not All Rook Endgames are Drawn

Fier, Alexandr (2572) - Kuzubov, Yuriy (2644)
Chennai (ol), 2022



67.♔g4 This position arose in the match against the Ukraine. It's one of the most interesting rook endgames I have analyzed. It looks simple, but it's full of details. The reader can try to answer the question on its own first. Where should the rook go?



67...♖h8? The most natural move, but it loses.

67...♖h7! is the only way to make a draw. This becomes clear in the main line: 68.♖e2 h3 69.♖h2 ♔xc5 70.f6 ♔d6 71.♔f5 This is the critical position where the difference of the rook on h7 and h8 becomes clear. 71...♔d7! The rook now prevents 73.f7 and Black is in time to improve the king's position. 72.♔g6 ♖h4! 73.f7 ♖g4+ 74.♔f5 ♖g1! and White has nothing better than to promote a knight. 75.f8=♘+ (75.f8=♕ ♖f1+=) 75...♔d6= with an easy draw.

68.♖e2! The only square! "Virtue stands in the middle".

68.♖e3 is too little. 68...♔xc5 69.f6 h3! 70.♖xh3 ♖xh3 71.♔xh3 ♔d6=;

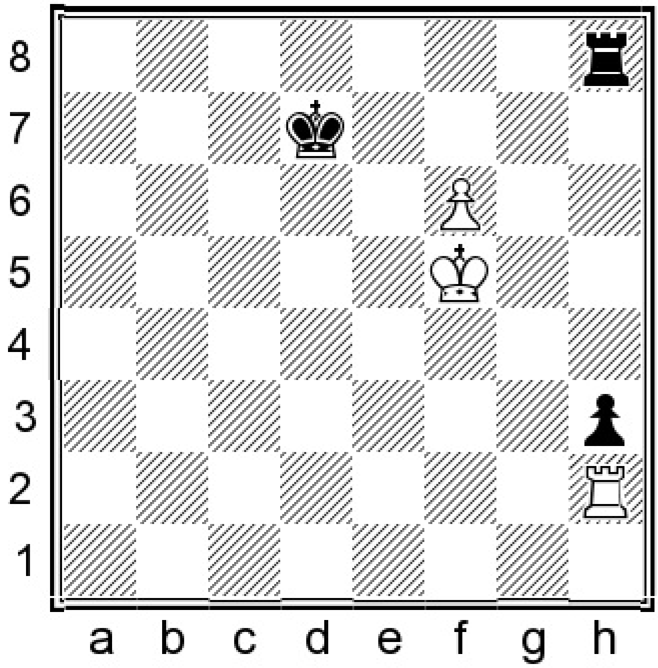
68.♖e1 is too much. 68...h3 69.f6 h2 70.♖h1 (70.f7 ♖f8!=) 70...♔xc5 71.♔f5 ♖h3! 72.f7 ♖f3+ 73.♔g6 ♖g3+ 74.♔f6 ♖f3+ 75.♔g7 ♖g3+ 76.♔f8 ♖g2=

68...h3

68...♔xc5 69.f6 ♔d6 70.♔f5 will transpose.

69.♖h2 ♔xc5 70.f6 ♖g8+

70...♔d6 71.♔f5 ♔d7



(71...♖h7 72.♔g6 ♖h4 73.f7 ♖g4+ 74.♔f5+- White wins because he will queen with check.) 72.f7! Now White can play this. 72...♔e7 73.♔g6+-

71.♔f5 ♖g3 72.♔f4 ♖g6 73.♔e5 ♖g5+ 74.♔e6 ♖g3 75.♖f2

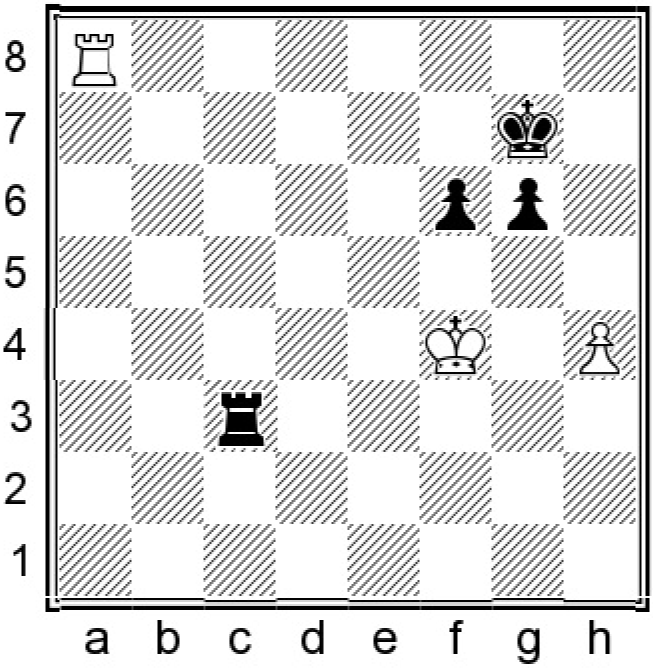
75.f7 also wins: 75...♖e3+ 76.♔f6 ♖f3+ 77.♔e7 ♖e3+ 78.♔f8 ♖f3 79.♖e2!+-

75...♖g6 76.♔f5 ♖g2 77.♖f3 h2 78.f7 h1=♕ 79.f8=♕+ Black's heavy pieces are totally out of play.

79...♔d5 80.♕d8+ 1-0

Another interesting rook endgame was played in the last round of the Women's section. Julia Alboredo is a big hope for Brazil's national squad. She has crossed 2300 and gained the Fide Master title during the Olympiad. She is improving fast and will likely get bigger titles in the following years.

Alboredo, Julia (2290) - Heredia Serrano, Carla (2072)
Chennai (ol), 2022



50...♖b3

50...f5 can be tried immediately. White must be very precise in order to make a draw. 51.h5 The only move. 51...♖c4+ 52.♔f3 g5 (52...gxh5 leads to a well-known theoretical draw. But it's usually not so easy to make a draw in the actual game...) 53.♖a6! ♖c3+ 54.♔g2 g4 55.♖g6+ ♔f7 56.♖a6 White manages to control the menacing pawns. For instance: 56...♖h3 (56...f4 57.♖g6!) 57.h6 f4 58.♖a7+□ ♔f6 59.h7 ♔g6 60.♖a4□ f3+ 61.♔f2= and after all these accurate moves it's finally a draw.

51.♖a5? This move loses.

51.♖a6 f5 52.h5 ♖b4+ 53.♔f3 gxh5= and again we have the famous f + h drawn endgame.

51...♔h6 52.♖a8 f5! 53.♔e5

53.♖h8+ ♔g7 54.♖a8 ♖h3-+

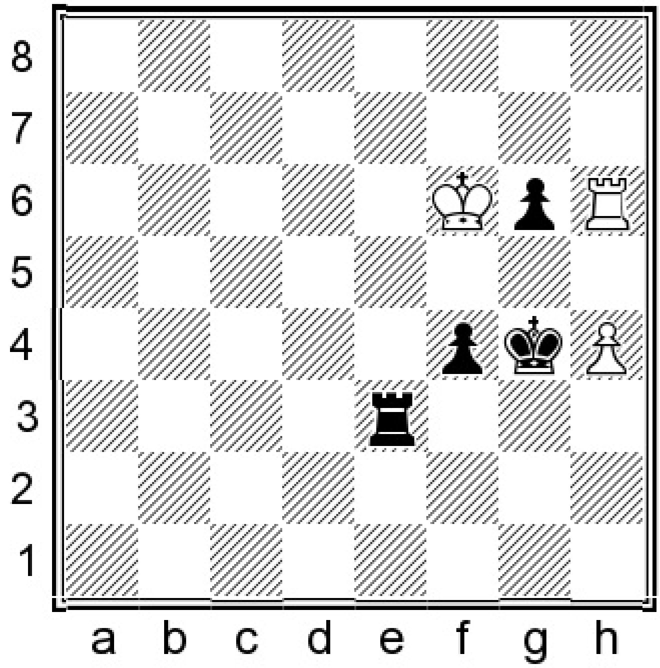
53...♔h5 54.♖h8+ ♔g4 55.♖h6 The last chance.

55...♖e3+? And now it's a draw. One more proof that rook endgames are very difficult.

55...g5 56.hxg5 ♔xg5-+;

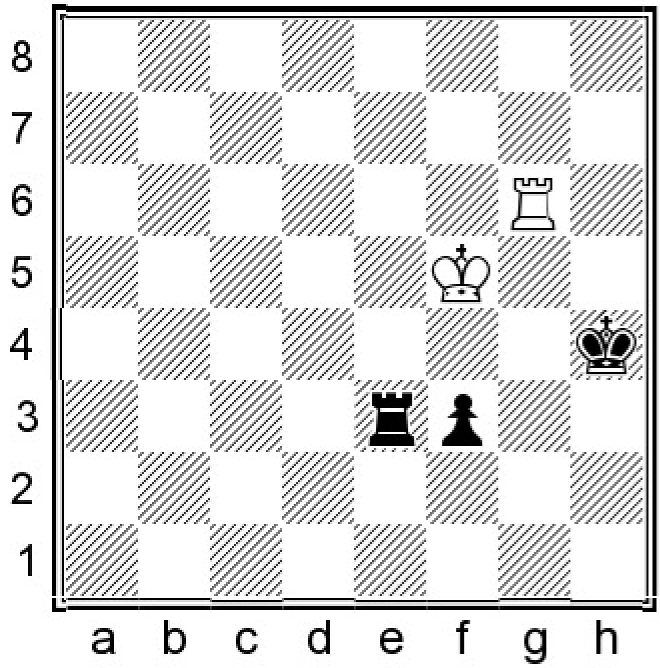
55...♖b6 56.h5 ♖b5+ 57.♔d4 g5-+

56.♔f6 f4



57.♖xg6+! ♔h3

57...♔xh4 58.♔f5 f3



59.♔f4!= Black likely missed this resource.

58.♖g1 Now the h-pawn guarantees a draw.

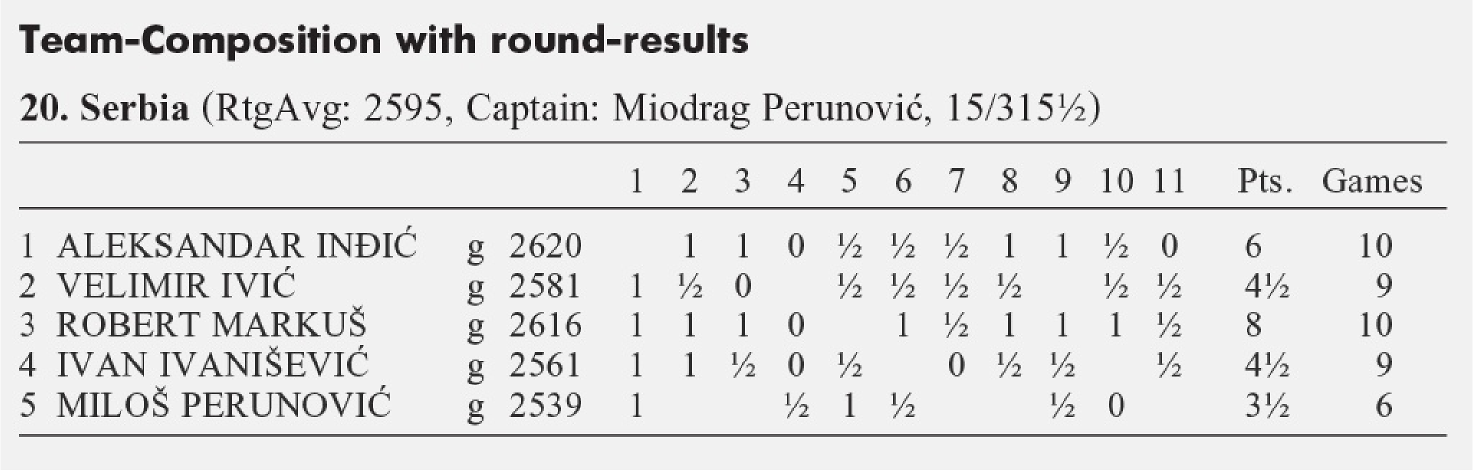
58...f3 59.h5 f2 60.♖f1 ♔g2 61.♖xf2+ ♔xf2 62.h6 ♖h3 63.♔g7 ♖g3+ 64.♔f7 1/2-1/2

TEAM SERBIA IN CHENNAI

By IM Miodrag Perunović

Here we present you a selection of games played in Chennai (2022 Olympiad) where Team Serbia finished 20th overall, but the quality of play and rivals showed a truly great potential and chess strength.

We will start this overview with a decisive game of the Srbija - Indonesia match. The game has a notable theoretical significance, being a subject of our preparation and the suggestion of Milos Perunovic himself during the analysis (15.♘e2! idea and the ensuing game plan).



Team-Composition with round-results

20. Serbia (RtgAvg: 2595, Captain: Miodrag Perunović, 15/315½)

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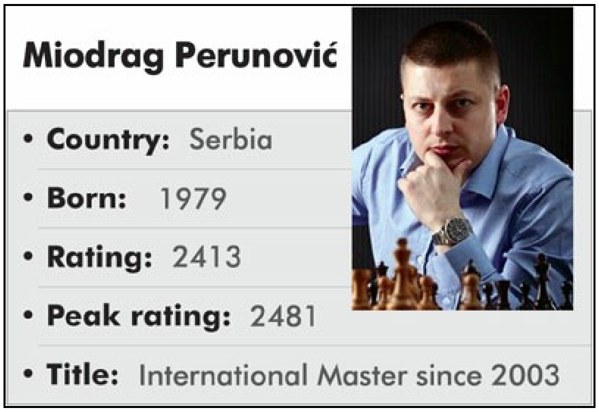
1	ALEKSANDAR INĐIĆ	g	2620		1	1	0	½	½	½	1	1	½	0	6	10
2	VELIMIR IVIĆ	g	2581	1	½	0		½	½	½	½		½	½	4½	9
3	ROBERT MARKUŠ	g	2616	1	1	1	0		1	½	1	1	1	½	8	10
4	IVAN IVANIŠEVIĆ	g	2561	1	1	½	0	½		0	½	½		½	4½	9
5	MILOŠ PERUNOVIĆ	g	2539	1			½	1	½			½	0		3½	6

Serbian Team, Chennai 2022; Photo: FIDE / Mark Livshitz

C43
Perunovic, Milos (2539) - Kurniawan, Muhamad Agus (2328)
Chennai (ol), 2022



Miodrag Perunović

- **Country:** Serbia
- **Born:** 1979
- **Rating:** 2413
- **Peak rating:** 2481
- **Title:** International Master since 2003

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.d4 ♘xe4 4.♗d3 d5 5.♘xe5 ♗d6 6.♘c3!? ♘xc3 7.bxc3 O-O

7...♘d7 8.O-O O-O - 7...0-0

8.O-O ♘d7 9.♖e1

9.♘xd7 Geller,Efim 2550 - Jussupow,Artur 2490, USSR (ch) 1979 - 28/(251)

9...c5!

9...♗xe5 10.dxe5 ♘c5 11.♗f1±

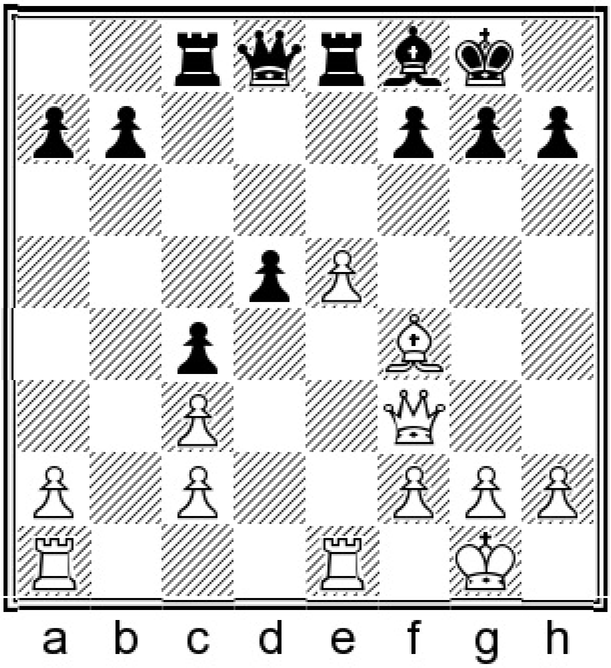
10.♕f3! c4 11.♗f5 ♘xe5

11...♘b6 12.♗xc8 ♕xc8 13.h4↑

12.dxe5 ♖e8 13.♗f4 ♗f8

13...♗xf5 14.exd6→

14.♗xc8 ♖xc8



15.♖e2!N An important novelty!

15.♖ed1 ♖c5⇄ Vocaturo,Daniele 2621 - Sankalp,Gupta 2504, Sitges 2021

15...♕a5

15...♖c5!? 16.♗e3! ♖a5 17.♗d4→

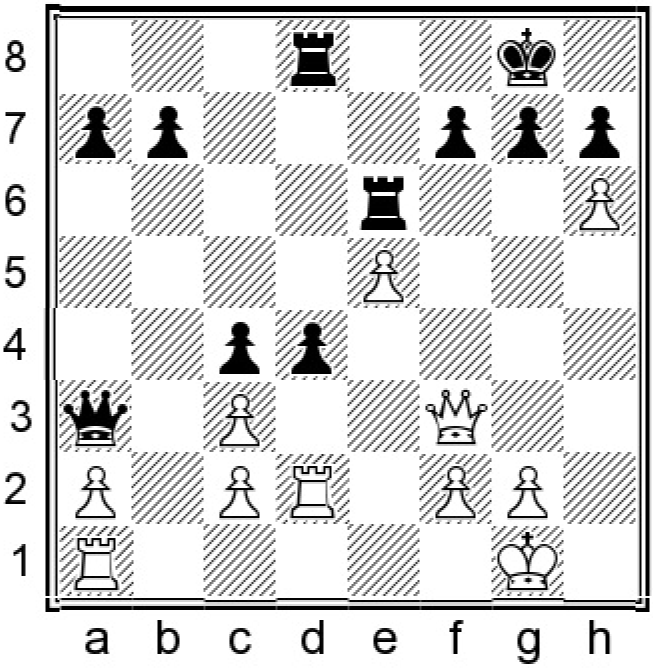
16.h4! ♖cd8 17.♖d2 ♕a3?!

17...b6 18.h5 h6 19.g3±

18.h5 d4? Black was obliged to stop the white h-pawn and prevent its further advance.

18...h6 19.♔h2!→

19.♗g5 ♗e7 20.♗xe7 ♖xe7 21.h6! ♖e6



22.♖b1! b6 23.♖xd4! ♖xd4 24.♕a8+! ♕f8 25.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 26.hxg7+ ♔xg7 27.cxd4+- ♔g6 28.f3! ♔f5 29.♔f2 ♖h6 30.♖b4 ♖c6 31.♔e3 h5 32.g4+! hxg4 33.fxg4+ The game is effectively over now.

33...♔e6

33...♔xg4 34.♔e4+-

34.♔e4 ♖c8 35.d5+ ♔d7 36.♔f5 ♖c5 37.d6 b5 38.♔f6 ♖d5 39.a4 a6 40.axb5 axb5 41.g5! c3 42.g6 fxg6 43.♖h4! ♔c6 44.♖h8 b4 45.♖c8+ ♔d7 46.♖c7+ ♔d8 47.♔e6 ♖d4 48.♖h7 ♔c8 49.♖h8+ ♔b7 50.d7 1-0

Once again Robert Markus proved to be the most solid player in our team, hardly ever losing a game at major team events. After the European Team Championship he was our top scorer in Chennai as well! In this game he opted for the rock-solid Petroff, defended with great energy and eventually turned the tabled scoring a full point against Kacper Piorun, a renowned attacker.

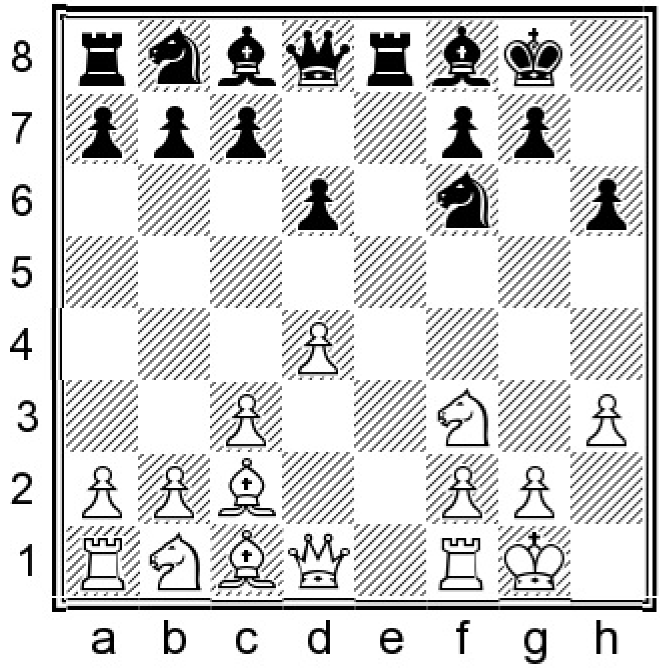
C42
Piorun, Kacper (2636) - Markus, Robert (2616)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♗d3!? A trendy line as of late.

5...♘f6 6.O-O ♗e7 7.h3 O-O 8.c3 ♖e8 9.♗c2 ♗f8

9...b6 Shirov,Alexei 2706 - Adams,Michael 2731, Leon 2001 - 83/283

10.d4 h6!?



11.c4!?N

11.♗f4 ♗e6 12.♕d3 ♘c6±

11...c6

11...d5! 12.cxd5 ♘xd5 13.♘c3 ♗e6 14.♖e1 c6 15.♕d3 g6∞

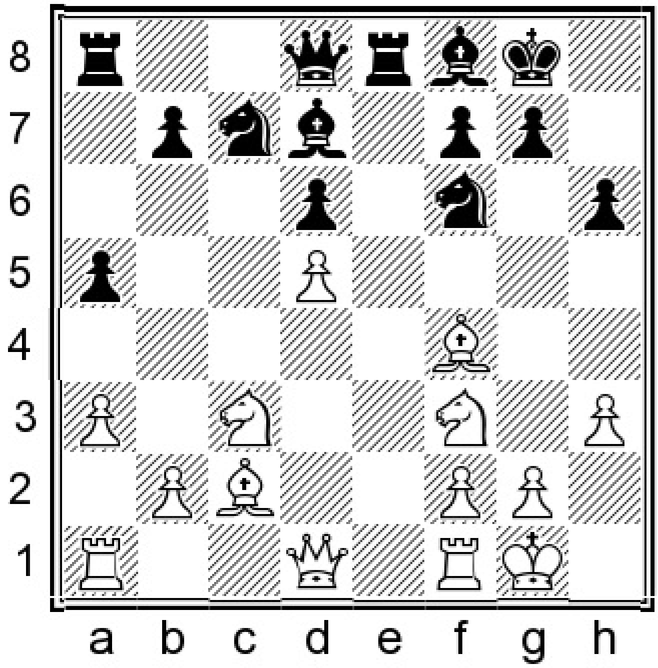
12.♘c3 ♘a6?!

12...d5±

13.♗f4 ♘b4 14.♗b1 a5 15.a3 ♘a6 16.♗c2 ♘c7 17.d5?!

17.♗d3±

17...cxd5 18.cxd5 ♗d7



18...b5! 19.♘d4 ♘fxd5 20.♘xd5 ♘xd5 21.♕d3 g6 22.♗g3 ♘f6∞

19.♕d2?! Piorun chooses the inferior battery.

19.♕d3! a4 20.♗e3 ♖a5 21.♗b6 ♖a6 22.♗d4 g6 23.♕c4± (23.♘h4!?↑)

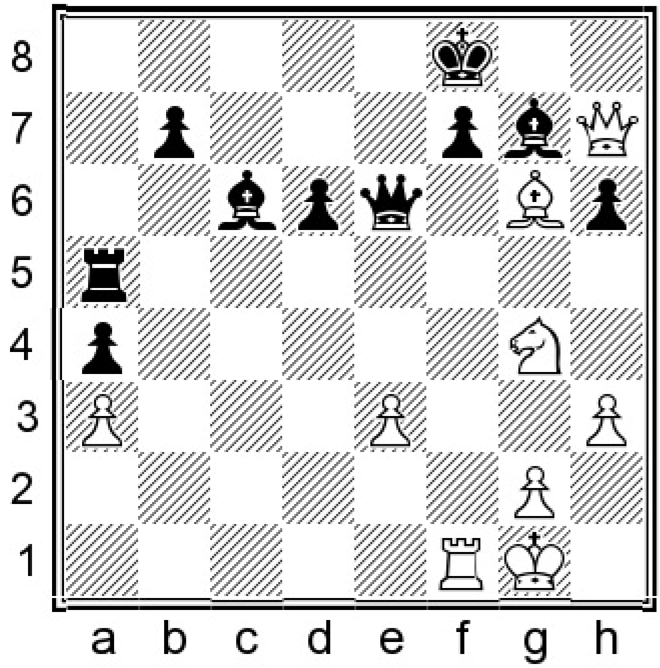
19...a4! 20.♗e3 ♖a5 21.♗b6□ ♖a6 22.♗d4 ♘cxd5 23.♘xd5 ♘xd5∓ 24.♗xg7? Too rash decision.

24.♖fe1∓

24...♗xg7 25.♕xd5 ♗c6 26.♕h5 ♕f6?!∓ Even though Markus had a better continuation this is still good enough for advantage.

26...♖a5! 27.♕g4 ♕c8! 28.♕xc8 ♖xc8-+

27.♖ae1 ♖aa8 28.♖e3 ♕xb2-+ 29.♕f5 ♕f6 30.♕h7+ ♔f8 31.♘h2 ♖xe3 32.fxe3 ♕e6 33.♘g4 ♖a5! 34.♗g6



34...♗e8! The black king is safe and White cannot put additional pressure.

35.♗f5 ♕e7 36.♖f3 ♕g5 37.♗e6 ♖c5 38.♕e4 ♕e7 39.♖f1 h5 40.♕g6 ♖g5! 0-1

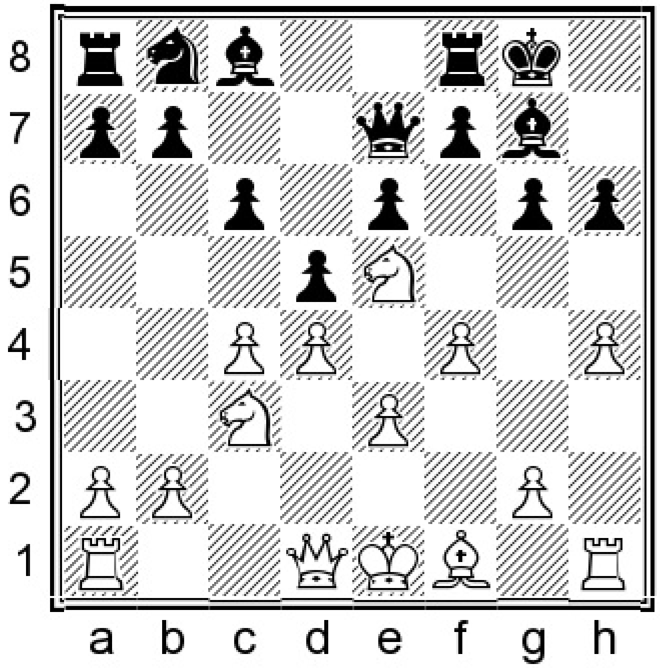
Aleksandar Indjic played on the 1st board for our team and showed great perseverance and high morals in the most difficult battles. Lately, he has been improving in strength, so we are yet to witness his best achievements. In the game against a high class player and defender Anish Giri he was not afraid to play in his usual attacking style, taking some risky paths at some moments of the encounter!

D43
Indjic, Aleksandar (2620) - Giri, Anish (2760)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♕xf6 7.e3 g6 8.♘e5

8.♗e2 Deac,Bogdan Daniel 2679 - Bok,Benjamin 2624, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2022 - 152/150

8...♗g7 9.f4 O-O 10.h4 ♕e7N



RR10...♘d7 11.♕d2N (11.g4) 11...♕e7 12.O-O-O ♖d8 13.♕f2 a5 14.h5 g5 (14...♘xe5 15.fxe5 g5 (15...♗d7? 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.♕g3 g5 18.♗d3 a4 19.a3 ♖f8 20.♕g4± Harsha,Bharathakoti 2547 - Nemec,Jachym 2357, Pardubice 2022) 16.♗d3 ♗d7 17.♗b1±) 15.♗d3 gxf4 16.exf4 c5∞

11.g4!? Courage and optimism - Aleksandar's trade mark virtues!

11.♕g4!? ♘d7 12.♕g3∞

11...c5! 12.♕d2

12.♕f3!? cxd4 (12...♘c6 13.O-O-O) 13.exd4 ♘c6 (13...dxc4 14.O-O-O ♘c6 15.♗xc4 ♖d8 16.h5 g5 17.♘xc6 bxc6 18.fxg5 ♕xg5+ 19.♔c2±) 14.O-O-O∞

12...dxc4! 13.O-O-O ♘c6 14.♗g2?! Pawn capture was clearly superior.

14.♗xc4 ♖d8 (14...cxd4 15.exd4 ♖d8 16.♕e3↑) 15.h5! cxd4 16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.♘e4∞;

14.h5!? g5 15.♘xc6 bxc6 16.fxg5 ♕xg5 17.♘e4 ♕d5 18.♕c2! (18.♗g2?! cxd4! 19.♘f6+ ♗xf6 20.♗xd5 dxe3! 21.♕e2 exd5⇄) 18...cxd4 19.♗xc4 d3 20.♕xd3 ♕e5 21.♕d4=

14...cxd4 15.exd4 ♗d7!∓ 16.g5?!

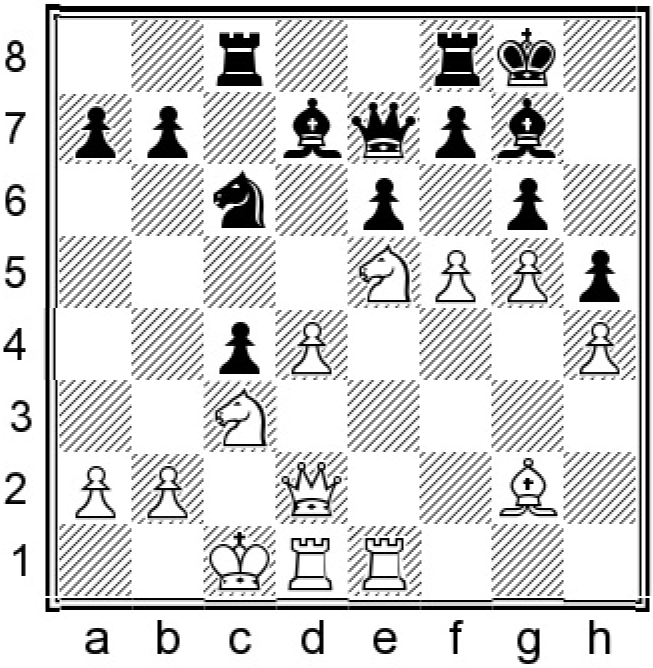
16.h5□ ♘xe5 17.dxe5 ♖fd8 18.♕d6∓

16...h5∓ 17.♖he1 ♖ac8? Giri does not find the best move either.

17...♖ad8∓

18.♗xc6?

18.f5!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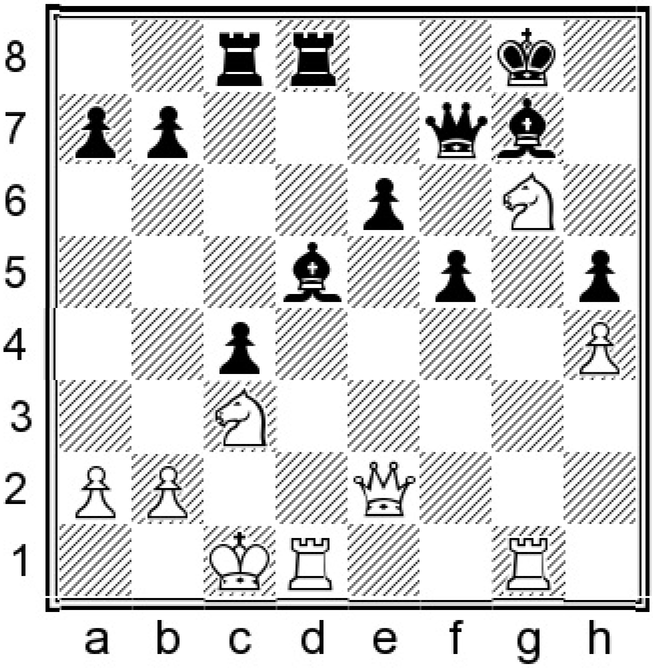
18...♗xe5□ (18...gxf5? 19.♘d5! exd5 (19...♕d8? 20.♘f6+! ♗xf6 21.gxf6+-) 20.♘xc6+-) 19.dxe5 ♖fd8 20.fxg6 fxg6 21.♕d6±

18...♗xc6 19.d5□ ♖fd8 20.f5?

20.♕f2! ♗e8 21.♕xa7∞

20...gxf5! 21.g6 fxg6 22.♘xg6 ♕f6? Mistakes has been exchanged, the play is still unclear and tense.

22...♕f7! 23.♖g1 ♗xd5 24.♕e2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24...♔h7!! 25.♕xh5+? ♗h6+-+

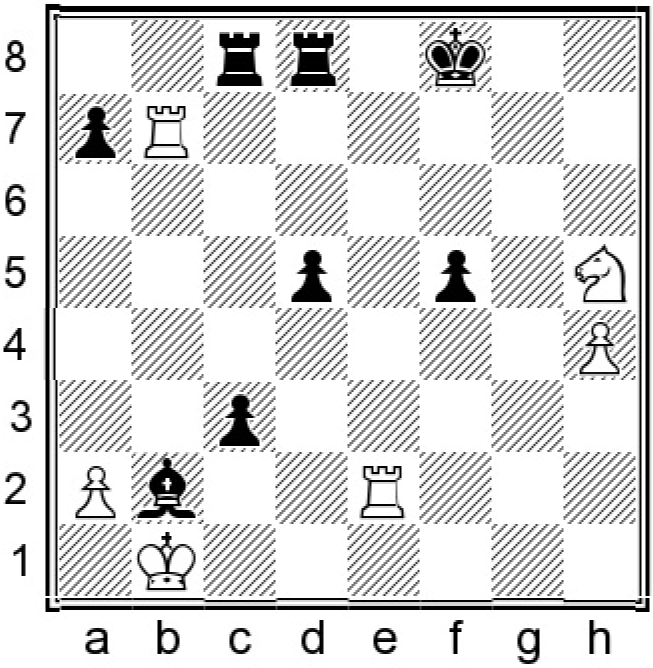
23.♘f4 ♗xd5 24.♘cxd5 exd5 25.♘xh5 ♕h6 26.♖e7! ♗xb2+!?

26...♕xd2+ 27.♔xd2 ♗h6+ 28.♔c2 ♖c6∓

27.♔b1?? Now White is lost, but the play remains sharp and difficult to handle for both sides.

27.♔c2□ ♕xd2+ 28.♖xd2 ♖c6 29.♖g2+ ♔f8 30.♖xb7 ♗e5=

27...♕xd2 28.♖xd2 ♔f8 29.♖de2 c3 30.♖xb7



30...c2+?? Giri returns the favour pushing the c-pawn too soon.

Black should win after 30...d4 31.♘f6 ♖d6□ 32.♘d7+ ♔g8 33.♖g2+ ♔h8 34.♘e5 ♖b6!-+

31.♖xc2 ♖xc2 32.♔xc2 ♗e5 33.♖xa7 ♖c8+ 34.♔d1 ♖c4 35.♖d7 ♖d4+ 36.♔e2 ♔e8 37.♖b7 ♔f8 38.♖d7 ♖e4+ 39.♔f2 d4 40.♘g3 ♖xh4 41.♖d5 ♖h2+ 42.♔f3 ♗xg3 43.♔xg3 ♖xa2 1/2-1/2

Aleksandar Inđić, Chennai 2022; Photo FIDE / Stev Bonhag

Anish Giri, Chennai 2022; Photo FIDE / Stev Bonhag

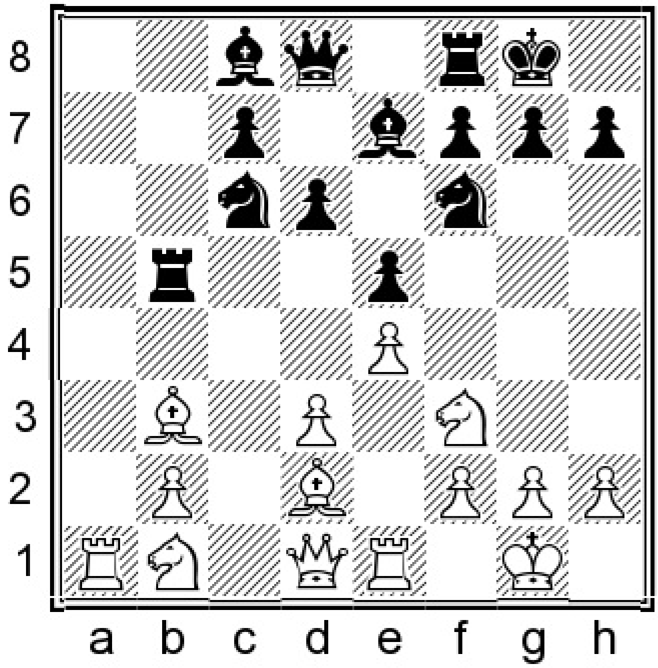
Unfortunately, the youngest player in our team, Velimir Ivic was out of form at the Olympiad. However, his game against Wojtaszek was a sign of his exceptional talent and abilities. Hopefully, he will be in better shape and display greater creativity in competitions to come!

C88
Ivic, Velimir (2581) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2708)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.a4!? ♗b7 9.d3 d6 10.♗d2 b4 11.c3 ♖b8!? 12.cxb4

12.♗g5 Vasiukov,Evgeni 2545 - Geller,Efim 2565, USSR (ch) 1980 - 30/286

12...♗c8 13.b5! axb5 14.axb5 ♖xb5



15.♗c3!N

15.h3; 15.♖a8

15...♗g4 16.♘bd2 ♖b8 17.h3 ♗h5 18.♗c4 ♘d7 19.♘f1?!

19.♕a4! ♖b6 20.b4!±

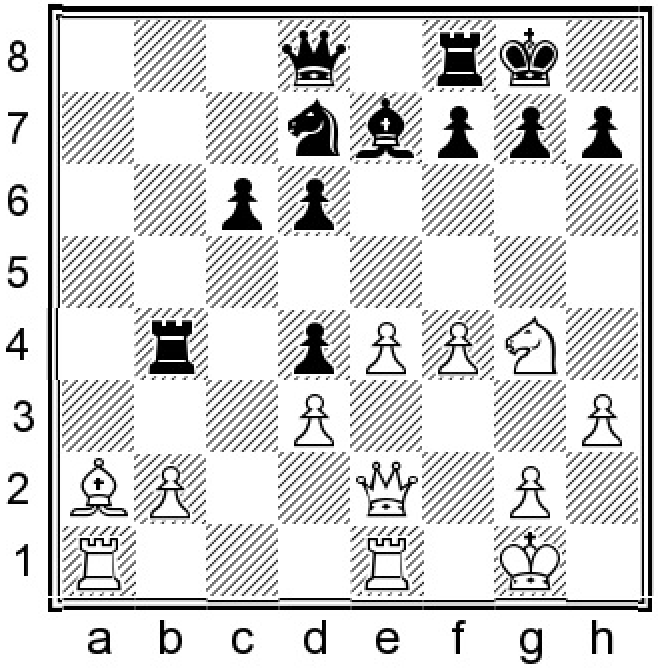
19...♘d4?!

19...♗xf3 20.♕xf3 ♘d4 21.♕d1⩲

20.♗xd4?! Several weaker and timid moves on both sides.

20.g4! ♘xf3+ 21.♕xf3 ♗g6 22.♘e3±

20...♗xf3 21.♕xf3 exd4 22.♕e2 ♘e5 23.♗a2 c6 24.f4 ♘d7 25.♘h2 ♖b4! 26.♘g4



26...♘f6? Surprisingly, Wojtaszek loses the thread of the game.

26...♗h4! 27.♖f1 ♔h8∞

27.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 28.e5!↑ dxe5 29.fxe5 ♗g5 30.♖f1 ♗e3+?!

30...g6±

31.♔h1 ♕e8?

31...g6±

32.♕g4?? Unfortunately, it was time for radical measures and Ivic misses the opportunity.

32.♖xf7! ♖xf7 33.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 34.♕h5+ ♔f8 35.♕xh7+-

32...♖b7 33.e6 fxe6 34.♗xe6+ ♔h8 35.♗d7!? ♕d8?!

35...♖xf1+ 36.♖xf1 h5!=

36.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 37.♕f5 ♕d6 38.♗xc6 ♖b8 39.♗e4?!

39.♗d5±

39...g6 40.♕f7 ♖f8 41.♖a8 ♖xa8 42.♗xa8 ♕f4!= 43.♕xf4 ♗xf4 44.♔g1 ♔g7 45.♔f2 ♔f6 46.♔f3 ♔e5 47.b4 ♗g5 48.b5 ♗d8 49.♗e4 ♔f6 50.♗d5 ♔e5 51.♗g8 h6 52.♗f7 g5 53.♗e8 ♗c7 54.♔g4 ♔f6 55.♔h5 ♔g7 1/2-1/2

Velimir Ivić, Chennai 2022; Photo FIDE / Madelene Belinki

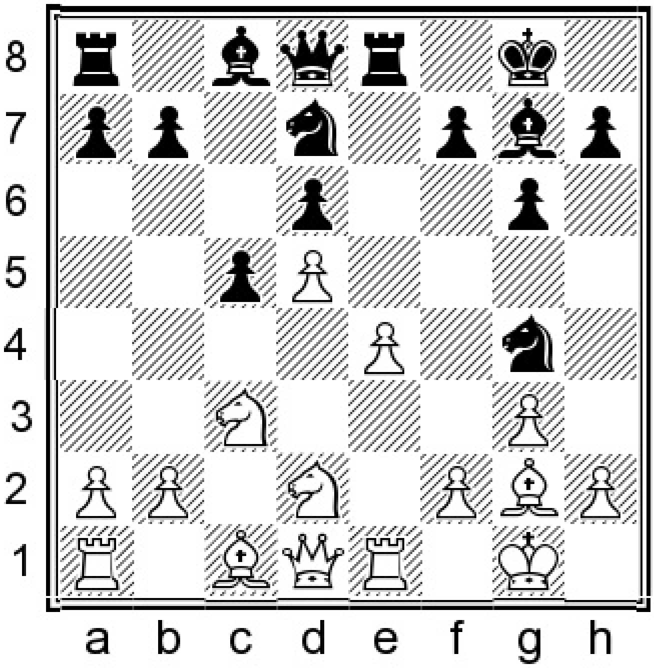
Ivan Ivanisevic did not have the greatest of times at the Olympiad either. For many years he was the leader of Serbian Team and was able to bring crucial points in decisive matches thanks to his tactical style and great calculations. His game versus Durarbayli was a highly entertaining battle, and in a bit better shape Ivan would most likely score a full point.

A62
Ivanisevic, Ivan (2561) - Durarbayli, Vasif (2638)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.♘c3 g6 7.♗g2 ♗g7 8.♘f3 O-O 9.O-O ♖e8 10.♖e1 ♘bd7 11.e4 ♘g4!?

11...a6 Alburt,Lev 2535 - De Firmian,Nick 2545, USA (ch) 1985 - 41/(80)

12.♘d2



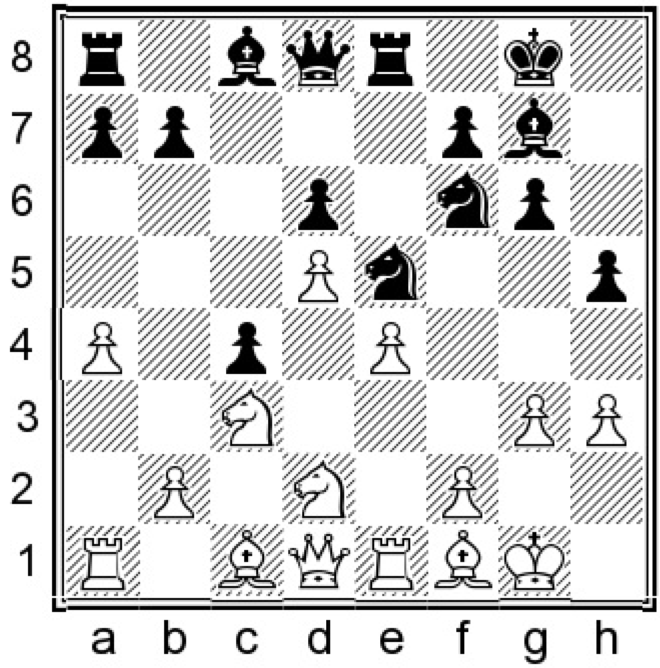
12...♘de5!?N An interesting novelty.

12...♘ge5 13.♗f1 (13.♕e2 f5 14.h3 a6 15.f4 ♘f7 16.a4 ♗d4+ 17.♔h2 ♘f6∞) 13...g5! 14.f4 (14.a4N ♘f6 (14...♘g6 15.♖a3 (15.♘c4 ♘de5 16.♘e3 ♕f6∞) 15...♘de5 16.h3 ♖f8 17.♘e2 ♕f6 18.♗g2 b6∞) 15.♖a3 ♗g4 16.f3 ♗d7 17.♘c4 ♘xc4 18.♗xc4 h6 19.a5 a6∞ Kozusek,Daniel 2315 - Camacho Collados,Jose 2414, Wales (ch) 2022) 14...gxf4 15.gxf4 ♘g6 16.f5 ♘ge5 17.♕h5 ♔h8!⇄

13.h3 ♘f6

13...♘h6!? 14.♗f1 g5 (14...f5 15.f4 ♘ef7 16.♘f3±) 15.g4! ♔h8 16.a4 ♘g8 17.♖a3 ♘e7 18.♘e2 ♘7g6 19.♘g3±

14.♗f1 c4! 15.a4 h5!?



16.♖a3?!

16.♕e2! was surely stronger. 16...h4 (16...♘d3? 17.♘xc4! ♘xe1 18.♗f4±) 17.g4 Δ♘d3? 18.♘xc4! ♘xe1 19.♗g5!+-

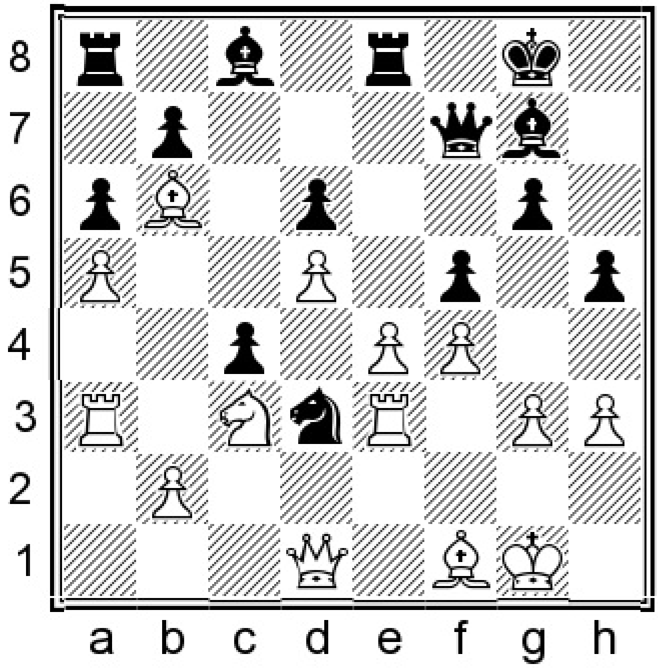
16...a6 17.a5 ♕c7 18.♘f3 ♘fd7 19.♘xe5 ♘xe5 20.♗e3± f5 21.♗b6!? The play is sharp and unclear.

21.♗d4⩲

21...♕f7 22.f4

22.♖e3!?

22...♘d3! 23.♖e3



23...♘xb2?!

23...♗d7! 24.b3! ♗xc3 25.bxc4 ♘b2 26.♕b3 ♗g7 27.e5 dxe5 28.♕xb2 exf4 29.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 30.♗d4 fxg3 31.♖xg3∞

24.♕e1?!

24.♕e2 ♘d3 25.♕a2 ♘b4 26.♕b1 ♘d3=

24...fxe4?!

24...♘d3! 25.♗xd3 cxd3 26.e5 dxe5 27.fxe5 ♕e7 28.d6 ♕f7∓

25.♘xe4 ♗d7 26.♘g5?

26.♕d2 ♘a4 27.♘xd6 ♖xe3 28.♕xe3±

26...♕xd5? As usual, one mistake is followed by an equaly inferior re-joinder.

26...♕f6! 27.♕b4 h4!∓

27.♗g2 ♕f5 28.♗e4 ♖xe4 29.♖xe4 ♘d3 30.♕e3?!

30.♖xd3! cxd3 31.♖e7! ♗f6 32.♘f7! d2 33.♘h6+ ♔h8 34.♕xd2 ♕b1+ 35.♖e1 ♕b3 36.♖e3=

30...♕b5?!

30...♘c5 31.♗xc5 dxc5 32.♖c3! ♗b5! 33.♖cxc4 ♗xc4 34.♖xc4∓

31.♖e7! ♖e8 32.♖xg7+??

32.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 33.♕e6+ ♔h8 34.♕xd6 ♕b1+ 35.♔h2 c3 36.♕e7 ♕c2+ 37.♔g1 ♕b1+ 38.♔h2=

32...♔xg7 33.♕d4+ ♔g8 34.♖a1 ♕b2?

34...♖e2! 35.♕f6 ♕f5 36.♕d8+ ♖e8 37.♕c7 ♘xf4!-+

35.♕xc4+ ♗e6 36.♕d4 ♕xd4+ 37.♗xd4 ♗d5?!

37...♗c4∓

38.♖d1 ♖e1+?

38...♗c4∓

39.♖xe1 ♘xe1 40.♔f2 ♘d3+ 41.♔e3 ♘b4 42.♗c3 ♘c6 43.g4 ♘e7 44.♗b4 ♘c6 45.♗c3 ♘e7 46.♗b4 1/2-1/2

STATE of PLAY with SABINA

By WGM Sabina-Francesca Foişor

WOMEN'S CHESS OLYMPIAD 2022

Review

Sabina-Francesca Foişor

- **Country:** USA
- **Born:** 1989
- **Rating:** 2203
- **Peak rating:** 2386
- **Title:** Woman Grandmaster since 2007

After much awaited time due to COVID-19, with last over the board Olympiad being held in 2018, the Chess Olympiad was back to its land of origin, India. The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad took place in Chennai, India from July 28 – August 10, 2022. The event, originally scheduled to take place in Russia, was relocated by FIDE following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Though, I personally wasn't able to make the team this time around, I was fascinated to see the big number of posts of satisfied players who seemed happy about the organization of the event given its short period the Indian hosts had at their disposal.

It was disappointing to see that the Chinese federation did not send teams for either of the sections. However, despite the absence of the Chinese teams, as well as the Russian and Belarusian ones, who were not allowed to participate due the War in Ukraine, the event was not short of a tough competition and fighting spirit up until the end. Especially the final round was entertaining and decided the top finishers. With such an intense competition everyone seemed ready to give their best.

Team India, being the host put together three teams in the ladies section, with the first being the highest rated of the event. They were followed by Ukraine, Georgia, Polska, France and Azerbaijan. The competition certainly had an interesting turn of events for many of these teams.

India took the lead in the first half of the event, having a crushing score against Georgia 3 : 1. They drew Ukraine in Round 8 (all games were drawn), but suffered a defeat against Polska in Round 9 with 1½ : 2½. The win was brought by Oliwia Kiolbasa (POL) who had the most brilliant performance in the ladies section being able to score 9/9! and winning the individual gold medal on board 3!

After the defeat at the hand of Polish, India came back with a crushing victory against Kazakhstan 3½ : ½ in Round 10. Had they at least drawn the match in the last round against USA, they would have secured second place, and would have gotten gold with a win. But Universe works in mysterious ways. Team India's dream of winning gold was shattered as they lost the match 1 : 3 against the USA.

Although the US team did not have the best start they came strong in the second part of the competition. Having been a part of a US team in the past, I know that the team spirit is always high and the players give their best till the very end even if they are not at their best shape. The girls' determination to finish strong showed in their games as they won brilliantly against the strong Indian team. In fact, the tie-breaks was so close that the Indian team might have felt somewhat lucky at the end with the bronze medal.

Team Azerbaijan came into the Olympiad with a young squad and were seeded 6th in the competition. They played inspiring chess and fought for the top places for most of the event. Going into the final round they were on 3rd place. Unfortunately for them, they suffered a tough defeat against Georgia 1 : 3. This win propelled the Georgian team to the 2nd place winning the silver medal, while Azerbaijan finished 7th on tie-break after Polska, who came in 6th.

Ukraine's performance throughout the event was solid. They did not lose a single match, though they were a little setback with two draws against Azerbaijan and Romania in Round 5 and 6. The most important result came in the final round as they were facing Polska. With a clear win 3 : 1, team Ukraine was crowned Olympic Champions at the 44th Chess Olympiad. It is a deserved title. Congratulations to the Ukrainian ladies for bringing pride and hope to their country when hope is the most needed good!

There were many notable results and games in this Olympiad, and it is hard to make an instructive short review. Hopefully, the reader will enjoy my selection below. I chose 3 full games I liked the most and some important moments were the winning opportunities missed, some tactical and positional fragments, and some endgames.

After the loss to Peru (second defeat in the event), almost everybody ruled the US team out of the contention for a medal but in the very last round the US Team came close to create a miracle. Although she didn't had a good start in the event, IM Carissa Yip, the 2021 US Women's Champion had a really nice win in the last round of the Olympiad. Together with WGM Tatev Abrahamyan she brought two important points helping the team to finish 4th after a shaky start. In the final round she faced IM Tania Sachdev, who on the other hand had a great tournament ad was in contention for a medal on board 4.

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Time control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

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(162 teams, 11 rounds)

1. Ukraine 18/413½/30½ [M. Muzychuk 6/10, A. Muzychuk 7/10, Ushenina 7½/9, N. Buksa 7/10, Osmak 3/5], **2. Georgia** 18/392/29 [Dzagnidze 6/10, Batsiashvili 7½/10, L. Javakhishvili 7/10, S. Melia 4½/7, M. Arabidze 4/7], **3. India** 17/396½/29 [H. Koneru 6/10, D. Harika 3½/7, R. Vaishali 7½/11, Tania 8/11, Kulkarni Bhakti 4/5], **4–5.** USA 17/390/31½, Kazakhstan 17/352/28, **6–14.** Polska 16/396/30, Azerbaijan 16/389/29½, India 2 16/369½/30, Bulgaria 16/361/29½, Deutschland 16/344½/29, Magyarország 16/340½/28½, Armenia 16/333/28½, Srbija 16/326/28, Slovensko 16/277/24½, **15–20.** Mongolia 15/350/28, Česko 15/318/26½, India 3 15/313/27, Lietuva 15/298/27, Cuba 15/293½/26, Nederland 15/292½/25½, **21–34.** España, France, România, Indonesia, Israel, Eesti, Peru, Greece, Italia, Iran, Uzbekistan, England, Hrvatska, Argentina 14, etc.

E92
Sachdev, Tania (2399) - Yip, Carissa (2416)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 There was no surprise, in the opening choice as the King's-Indian is one of Carissa's main defences against 1.d4.

5.♗e2 O-O 6.♘f3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♗g5 The players developed their pieces in accordance to the Petrosian system set-up.

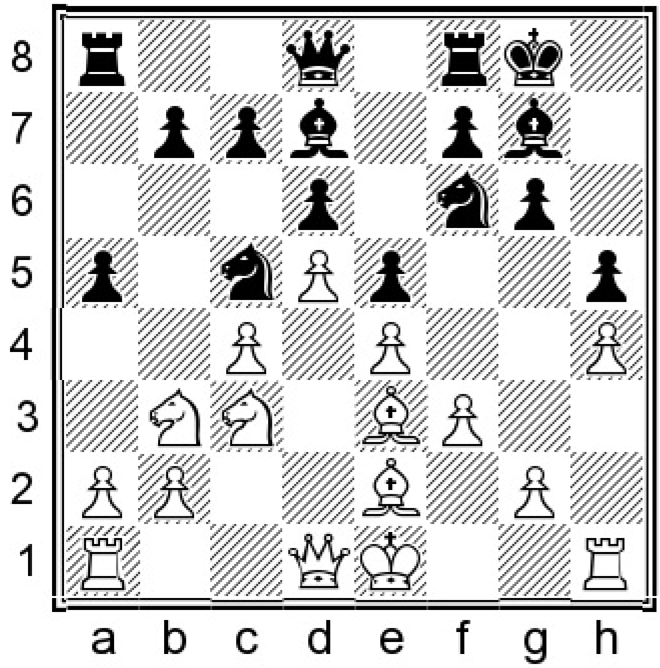
8...♘a6 9.♘d2 ♘c5?! Somewhat inaccurate in my opinion, but commonly played.

9...♗d7 10.h4 (10.O-O Lirindzakis, Timotheos 2400 - Georgiev,Krum 2465, Iraklion 1994 - 61/(652)) 10...h5 seems better because after 11.f3 c6 White cannot play 12.g4 (12.♘db1!? ♕b8 13.♘a3 Engines claim big advantage for White but I would say it is just because the engines do not like the King's Indian! 13...♘h7 14.♗e3 f5 15.g4 hxg4 16.fxg4 ♘b4⇄ The game remains sharp and double-edged.) 12...♕b6∞ which leads to complications in Black's favour.

10.h4 h6

Now this move is faced with 10...h5 11.♘b3 ♘xb3 12.axb3 ♗d7 13.f3 ♕c8 (13...♕e8 14.g4 seems bad for Black.) 14.♗e3 ♔h7 15.♕d2 c5 16.♖g1 And White inevitably realizes her g2-g4 plan.

11.♗e3 h5 12.f3 ♗d7 13.♘b3! According to the engines.



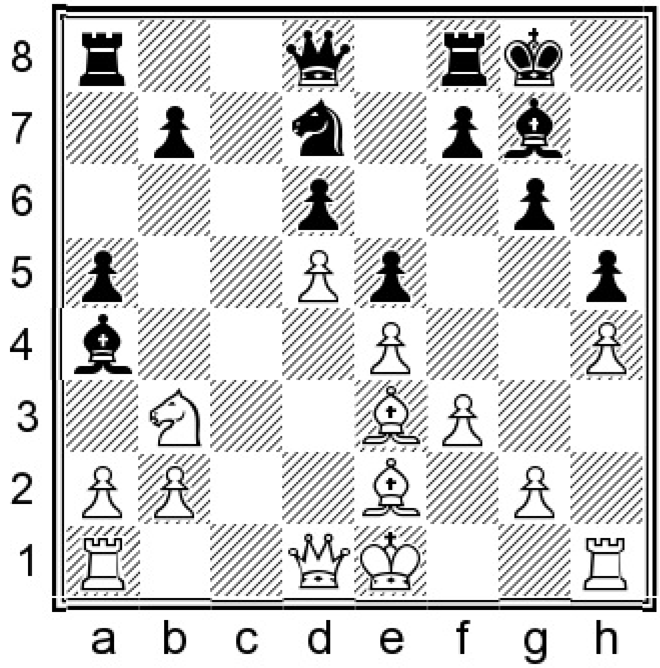
13...♘a4N

13...b6? 14.♘xc5 bxc5 15.a4 ♖b8 16.♘b5 ♖b7 17.♕d2+- Velasco,Edgar - Riemer,M, Buenos Aires 1981

14.♘xa4 ♗xa4 15.c5? This is White's plan, but it seems that it was played a little too soon as it gives Black a clear plan.

15.♕d3! It is hard to suggest anything good for Black here. 15...♗xb3 16.♕xb3 b6 17.O-O-O and after g4 White's attack seems decisive.

15...♘d7 16.cxd6 cxd6

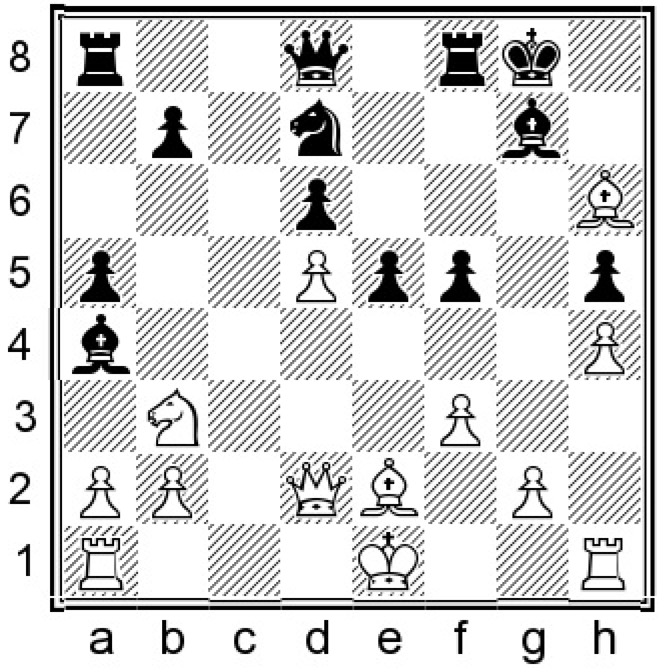


17.♕d2? Things started going wrong for White from here on. Though thematic it does not work tactically.

17.♕d3 f5 18.♖c1 would have kept White in the game.

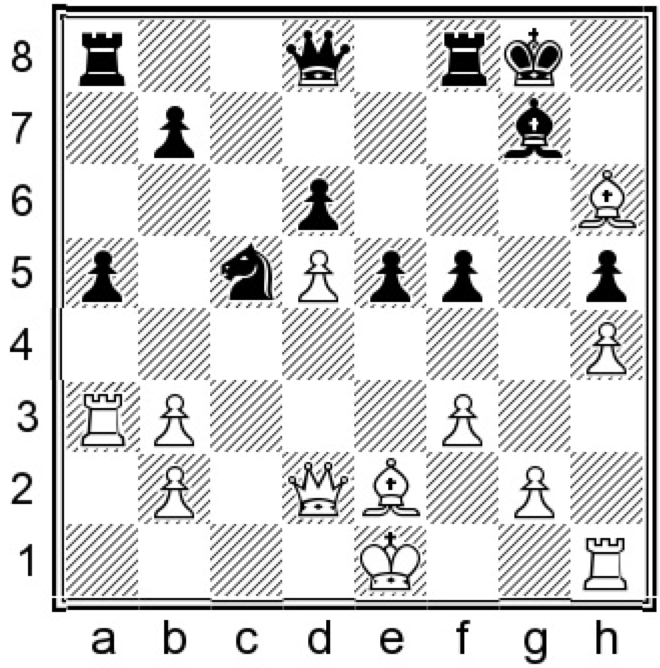
17...f5! White's king is not safe anymore and it is Black that starts putting pressure.

18.exf5 gxf5 19.♗h6



19...♗xb3! This is the difference: Now White has to take on b3 with a pawn and Black will create a classical "good knight vs bad bishop" situation in which White's king is also weak.

20.axb3 ♘c5 21.♖a3



21...f4! Another strong move found by Carissa, forcing the trade of the bishops and leading into a positionally winning game for Black.

22.♗xg7 ♔xg7 23.b4 axb4 24.♕xb4 ♖xa3 25.bxa3 ♕f6 Preparing e4. Kh6 and Rg8 would have been overwhelming as well.

25...♔h6 26.♔f1 ♖g8 27.♕c3 ♕b6 28.♕b4 ♕c7 29.♔g1 ♕g7 30.♗f1 ♖a8-+

26.♕b6 e4 27.O-O e3 White is completely lost, but Black needs to remain accurate.

28.♖c1 ♖g8

28...♕d8! was probably the easiest since after 29.♕xd8 ♖xd8 30.g3 ♔f6 31.gxf4 ♔f5 Black takes on f4 in time with a dominant position.

29.♖c4 ♔h8 30.♗f1 ♖g6 31.♕c7 ♕xh4?⊕ This move could have cost the US team half a point, and was most likely played in time trouble.

31...♖g7 32.♕c8+ ♖g8 33.♕c7 ♕g6 34.♕e7 ♖g7 35.♕g5 e2!-+ and due to the check on b1 Black wins a piece.

32.♕c8+?

Tania missed the chance to keep equality with 32.♕b8+ ♔g7 33.♕c7+ ♔h6 34.♕f7 and it is hard for Black to make any progress due to the weak king.

32...♔g7? Giving White another chance.

32...♖g8 33.♕f5 ♕f2+ 34.♔h2 ♕g3+ 35.♔h1 e2 would have won.

33.♖c2? A final unexpected decision by White leading to hopeless position.

33.♕c7+ ♔h6 34.♕f7 Now White's queen is once again in the vicinity of a perpetual check. It is impossible to suggest a way for Black to keep the game going. 34...♕f2+ 35.♔h2 ♕g3+ 36.♔g1 ♘d7 37.♕xf4+ ♕xf4 38.♖xf4 ♘f6 39.♗d3 ♘xd5 40.♖e4+- - and White wins e3 with Bc4.

33...♕e7 34.♗d3 ♖f6 White has no counterplay and Carissa converted her advantage with confidence.

35.♗e4 ♖f7 36.♕h3 ♘xe4 37.fxe4 ♕xe4 38.♖e2 ♕b1+ 39.♔h2 ♕f5 40.♕f3 ♕g4 41.♕f1 ♕g3+ 42.♔h1 f3 43.♕a1+ ♔h7 44.♕b1+ ♔h6 45.gxf3 ♕xf3+ 46.♖g2 ♕f1+ 0-1

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Sachdev Tania vs Carissa Yip, Chennai 2022; Photo: FIDE / Lennart Ootes

The path to victory didn't go through the land of milk and honey for the Ukrainian team. Their board one player, GM Mariya Muzychuk had a small hiccup as early as round two. The later rounds proved that this was "only" a hiccup!

D45
Atalik, Ekaterina (2422) - Muzychuk, Mariya (2540)
Chennai (ol), 2022

1.c4 c6 2.♘c3 d5 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 e6 5.b3 ♗d6 6.♗b2 O-O 7.d4 ♘e4

7...♘bd7 Anton Guijarro,David 2694 - Nihal,Sarin 2618, Wijk aan Zee II 2020 - 144/ 137

8.♘xe4 This gives Black an easy game.

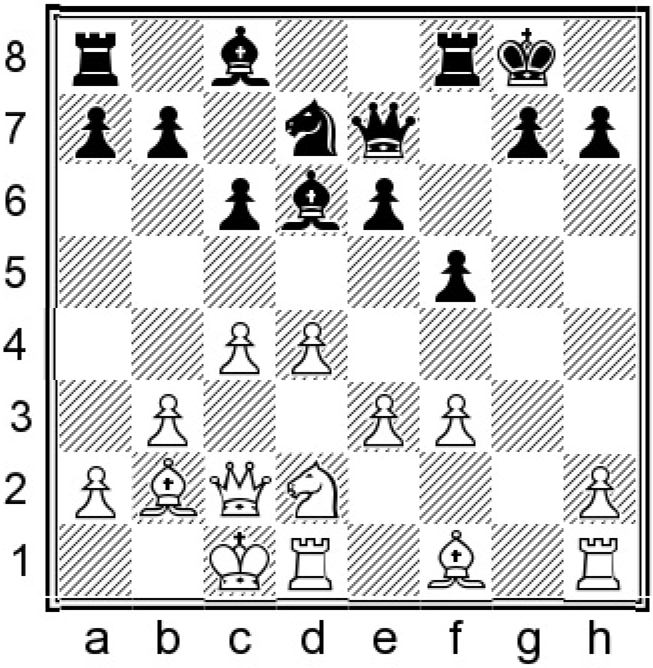
8.♗d3 f5 9.O-O ♘d7 (9...♕f6 10.♘e2 ♘d7 11.♘f4 with a typical position that arises often in Stonewall structures.)

8...dxe4 9.♘d2 f5 10.♕c2 ♘d7 11.O-O-O The idea behind this move is a rapid breakthrough in the centre and kingside with f3. Surprisingly, this plan has its own merits.

11...♕e7?! This is a little too slow.

11...♘f6 12.f3 b5!⇄ was the way to go!

12.f3 exf3 13.gxf3



13...e5?N This may be Black's plan, but it gives White a clear advantage.

13...♗a3 14.f4 b6 15.♖g1 ♗xb2+ 16.♔xb2 ♗b7 17.♘f3 is still better for White but Black can hope for enough counterplay after c5.

14.♗d3! White is fully developed and has control in the centre.

14...♘f6

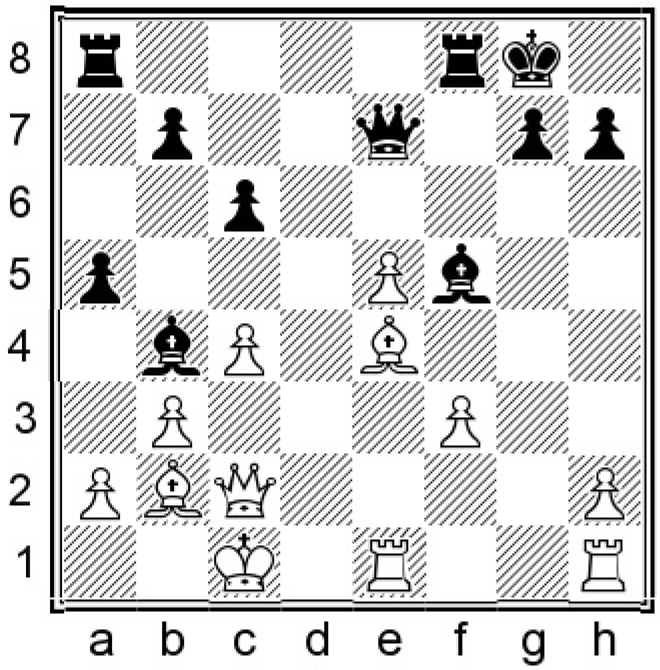
14...exd4 15.exd4 ♘f6 16.♔b1 followed by d5 is not any better for Black.

15.♖de1

15.♔b1 a5 16.♖he1 Concentration of power in the centre would have led to something more tangible for White than what was played in the game.

15...a5 16.♗xf5 Maybe a little too soon.

16.e4!? fxe4 (16...f4? 17.c5 ♗c7 18.♘c4 exd4 19.e5+-) 17.♘xe4 ♘xe4 18.♗xe4 ♗f5 19.dxe5 ♗b4

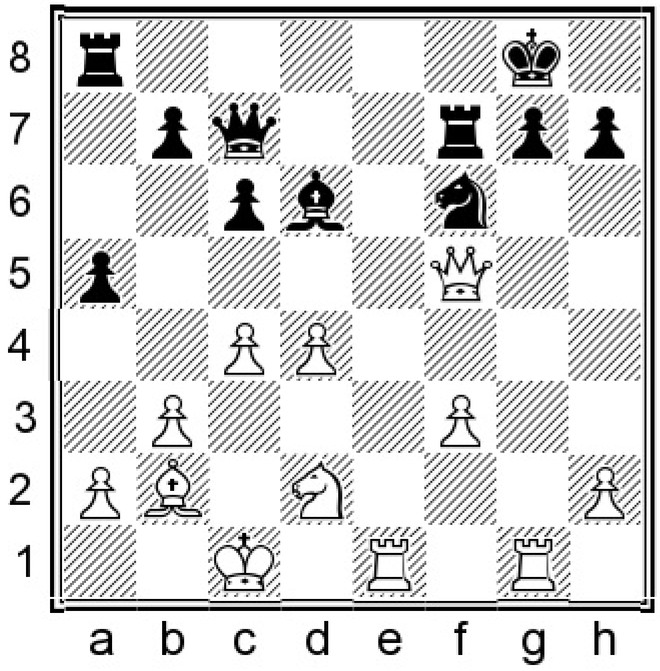


20.♖hg1! White needed to find this move, which is not easy. 20...♗xe1 21.♗xf5 ♖ad8 22.e6 ♖d2 23.♗xh7+ ♔h8 24.♕g6 ♖xb2 25.♔xb2 ♗b4 26.♕h5 ♕f6+ 27.♔b1 ♕xf3 28.♕g5 ♕f6 29.♗d3 A very accurate and somewhat non-forcing continuation. It shows why White should have played Rhe1 to mobilize her pieces in the centre.

16...♗xf5 17.♕xf5 exd4? This seems to be a decisive mistake.

17...♘d7 18.♕e4 ♗a3 Would have kept Black very well in the game.

18.exd4 ♕c7 19.♖hg1 ♖f7



20.d5! ♖af8?!

20...♘e8

21.♕e6 White's advantage is decisive and Atalik converted her advantage despite a few inaccuracies.

21...♔h8 22.♘e4 ♘xe4 23.♖xe4 ♗f4+ 24.♔b1 cxd5 25.♕xd5 ♗h6 26.♗e5 ♕c8 27.♗d6 ♖f5 28.♕e6 ♕xe6 29.♖xe6 ♖d8 30.♗e5 ♔g8 31.f4 g6 32.♖g4 ♖d7 33.♔c2 ♖f8 34.h4 ♖fd8 35.♖g2 ♗g7 36.h5 gxh5 37.f5 ♔f8 38.f6 ♗h6 39.♗c3 ♔f7 40.♖e5 ♗f4 41.♖g7+ ♔f8 42.♖ee7 ♖d1 43.♖xh7 ♖g1 44.♖eg7 1-0

Mariya Muzychuk, Chennai 2022; Photo: FIDE / Lennart Ootes

Mariya Muzychuk won when it mattered the most, in the final round against the strong Alina Kashlinskaya, and in a very long theoretical line!

C19
Muzychuk, Mariya (2540) - Kashlinskaya, Alina (2505)
Chennai (ol), 2022

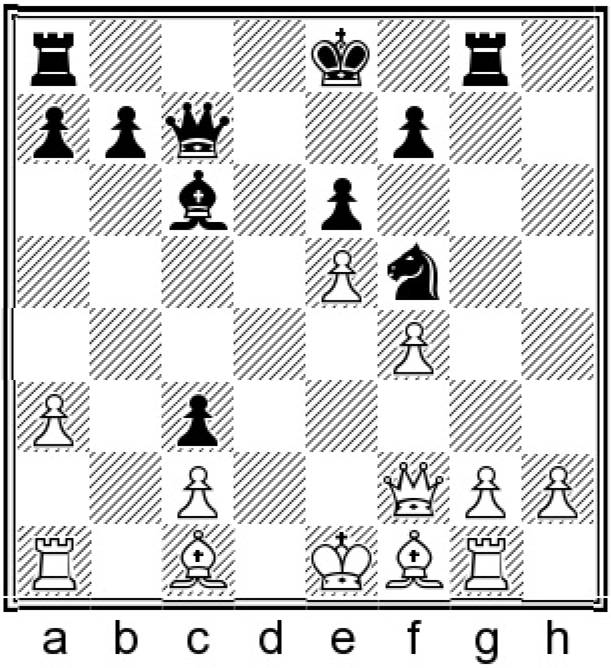
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 Both players want blood. A tactical and theoretical battle ensues in the following topical Winnawer.

4.e5 ♘e7 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.♕g4 ♕c7 8.♕xg7 ♖g8 9.♕xh7 cxd4 10.♘e2 ♘bc6 11.f4 dxc3 12.♕d3 d4 So far all according the mainline of the theory.

13.♘xd4 ♘xd4 14.♕xd4 ♗d7 15.♖g1 ♘f5 16.♕f2 Still almost forced and mainline.

16...♕c6

16...♗c6?? loses to

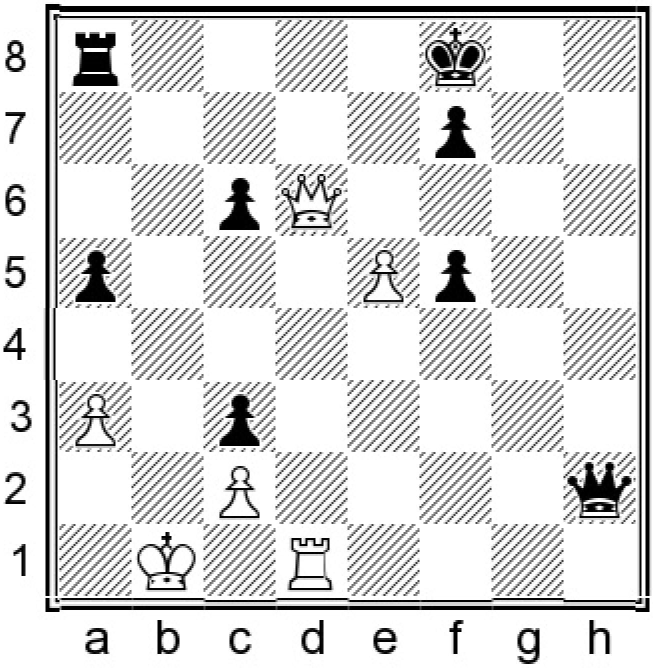


17.g4! (17.♗d3?? O-O-O=∞ Fier,Alexandr 2562 - Edouard, Romain 2645, Bremen 2020 - 146/95) 17...♘e7 18.h4 ♕a5 19.♖b1 O-O-O 20.♖b4 ♘d5 21.♖c4 and White keeps pushing her pawns while Qc5 is a strong move. Knowing the rook manoeuvre is essential for the players with the White pieces.

17.♗d3 ♕d5 18.♗e3

18.♖b1 ♗c6 19.♖b3 O-O-O 20.♖xc3 ♔b8 21.g4 ♘d4 22.♖g3 ♕h1+ 23.♗f1 b6 have been played hundred of times and is known to be a draw. I quote one correspondence game here as an example. 24.♗b2 ♖h8 25.h3 ♗e4 26.♗c1 ♖d5 27.♖g1 ♘f3+ 28.♖xf3 ♕xf3 29.♕xf3 ♗xf3 30.♗d2 a5 31.♖g3 ♖hd8 32.♗xa5 bxa5 33.♖xf3 ♖d2 34.h4 ♖xc2 35.h5 ♖dd2 36.♖h3 ♔c7 37.g5 ♖b2 38.h6 ♖dc2 39.♔d1 ♖d2+ 40.♔c1 ♖bc2+ 1/2 : 1/2 Cornejo,Walter - Tauber,Hans, corr 2018/19

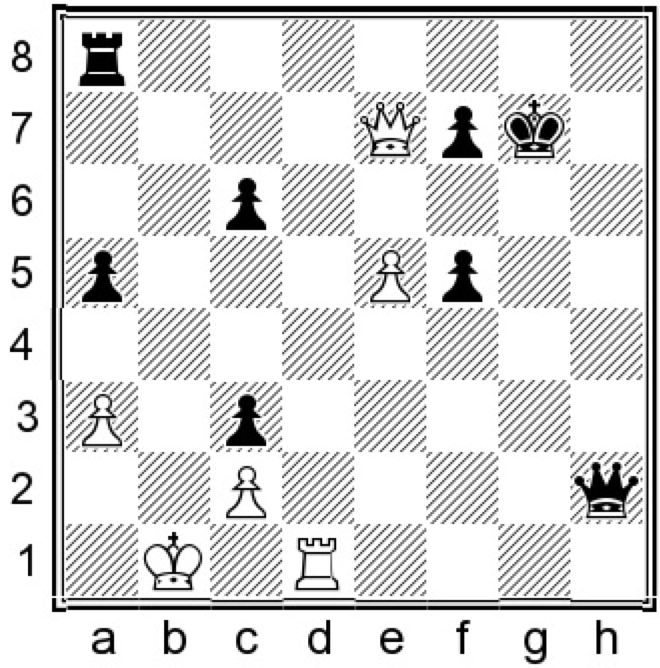
18...♘xe3 19.♕xe3 ♖xg2 20.♖xg2 ♕xg2 21.♗e4 ♕xh2 22.O-O-O ♗c6 23.♗xc6+ bxc6 24.♕d4 a5 25.f5 exf5 26.♔b1 ♔f8 27.♕d6+



27.♔a1 ♖e8 28.♕c5+ ♔g7 29.♖g1+ (29.♕e3!?) 29...♔h7 30.e6 ♖xe6 31.♕xf5+ ♔h8 32.♕c5 ♔h7 33.♖f1 ♔g7 34.♕g5+ ♔f8 35.♕f5 ♖e7 36.♕c8+ ♔g7 37.♕xc6 ♖e6 38.♕d7 ♕h5 39.♕c7 ♖h6 (39...♔f8 40.a4 (40.♕c8+ ♔g7 41.♕d7 ♔g8=) 40...♔g8 41.♕d7 1/2 : 1/2 Kitson,Keith - Relyea,Alexander, corr 2017) 40.♕xc3+ ♔f8 41.♖b1 ♖e6 42.♕c4 ♕e5+ 43.♔a2 ♕e4 44.♕c8+ 1/2 : 1/2 Asquith,Jerry - Owen,K.J, corr 2017

27...♔g8??N Kashlinskaya may have forgotten her preparation and unfortunately for her she succumbs to her fate.

27...♔g7! 28.♕e7 (28.♕f6+ ♔f8 1/2 : 1/2 Titzhoff,Frank - Doren,Dennis, corr 2017)

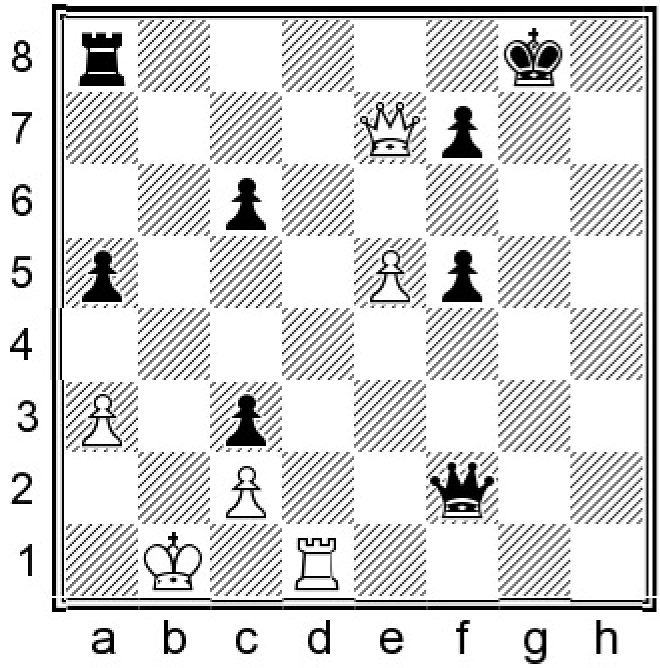


28...c5!! The idea is mind-boggling. The rook is ready to be lifted to a6. 29.♕f6+ ♔f8 30.♔a1 And Black needs another only move: 30...♖e8! topping e6. 31.♕xf5 ♕xe5 32.♕h7 ♕f6 and Black is safe now.

28.♕e7! The difference!

28...♕f2

28...♔g7 29.♔a1! Now White is ready to play e6. Black's king has no safe haven. 29...a4



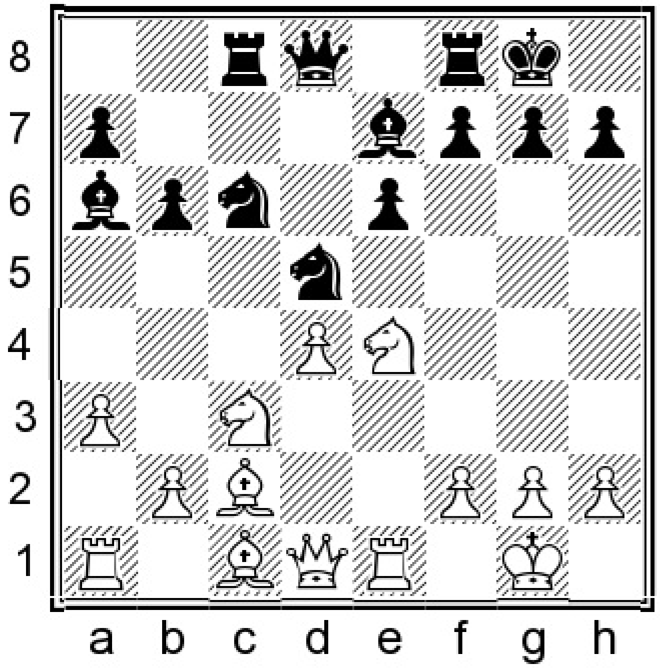
29.♔a1! Muzychuk knows her prep!

29...♕g2 30.e6! It is all over now!

30...fxe6 31.♕xe6+ ♔h8 32.♕xf5 ♖a7 33.♖d8+ ♔g7 34.♕f8+ ♔g6 35.♖d6+ And the Ukrainian ladies are golden! **1-0**

Alina Kashlinskaya, Chennai 2022; Photo: FIDE / Stev Bonhag

Ushenina, Anna (2423) - Ratsma, Rosa (2226)
Chennai (ol), 2022

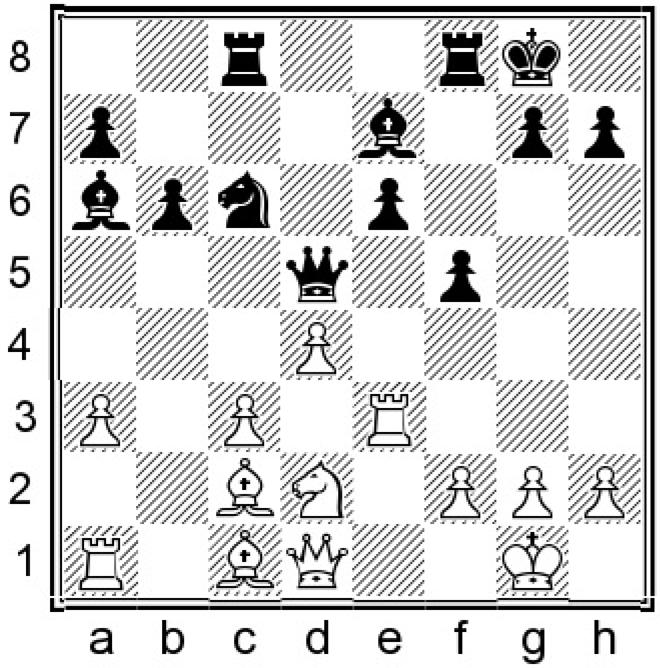


Due to the various pins on the c- and d-files, Black could simply win a pawn in this position.

14...♘xc3?? Was played instead and Ushenina was able to outplay her opponent.

14...♘xd4! 15.♕xd4 (15.♘xd5 ♘xc2 16.♘xe7+ ♕xe7-+) 15...♘xc3 16.bxc3 (16.♕xd8 ♘e2+! 17.♖xe2 ♖fxd8 18.♖d2 ♖xd2 19.♗xd2 ♖xc2-+) 16...♕xd4 17.cxd4 ♖xc2

15.bxc3 ♕d5 16.♖e3 f5 17.♘d2 Black's position is still better positionally, but it is here that things turned badly for Black.



17...♘xd4?? Now it is too late as White manages to develop the Bc1 and gains the initiative, while staying with extra material.

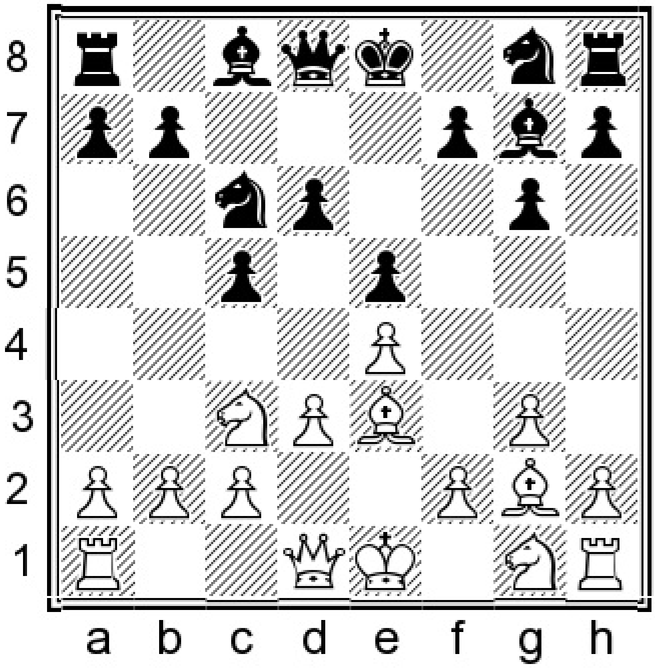
17...♘a5! followed by Nc4

18.cxd4 ♕xd4 19.♖b1 ♗g5 20.♗b2+-

Pia Cramling had a brilliant tournament, winning the gold medal on board 1. This must have been one of the shortest games, with her opponent blundering a piece at move 9.

B26
Mouradian, Knarik (2121) - Cramling, Pia (2459)
Chennai (ol), 2022

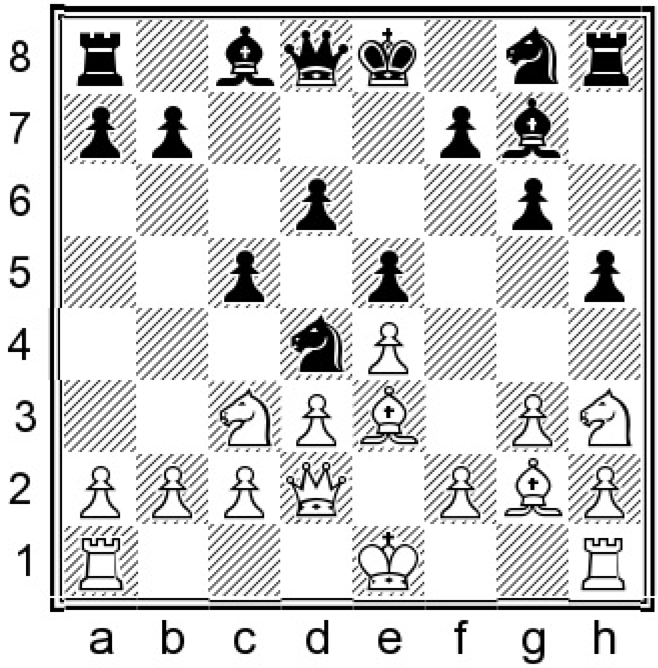
1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.d3 d6 6.♗e3 e5



7.♘h3?!

7.f4 Li,Ruifeng 2571 - Williams,Justus 2382, Philadelphia 2017 - 133/55; 7.♘d5

7...h5 8.♕d2 ♘d4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9.f3??

9.♘g5 f6

9...♗xh3 0-1

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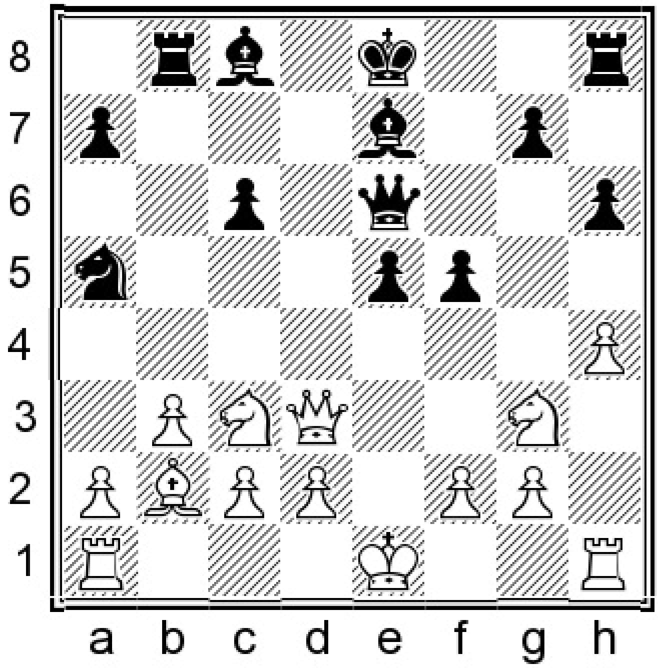
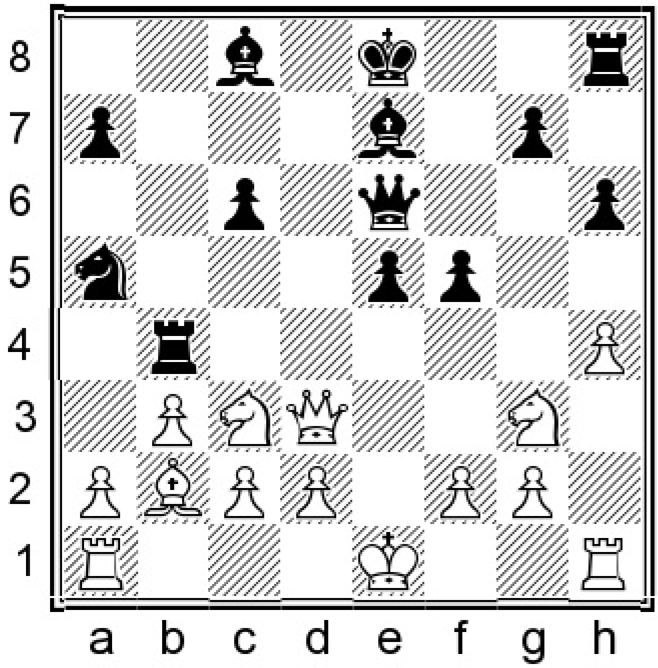
Abrahamyan, Tatev (2291) - Kulkarni, Bhakti (2373)
Chennai (ol), 2022



In a typical position ensuing from the Two Knights Variation of the Italian, Black went to recoup the h4-pawn and missed the opportunity to get rid of the Na5.

17...♖b4?

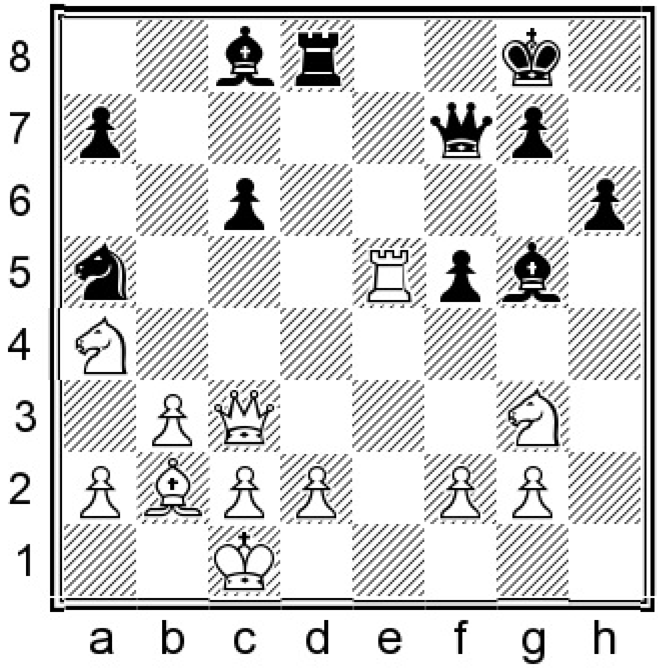
17...♘c4!? 18.♕xc4 ♕xc4 19.bxc4 ♖xb2=



Tatev responded with the correct **18.O-O-O!** Now, with the bishop on b2 protected, White can focus on the centre as Black's king will struggle finding shelter.

18...♖xh4 19.♖xh4 ♗xh4 20.♖e1 The e5-pawn just falls and with it Black's defence.

20...O-O 21.♘a4 ♖d8 22.♕c3 ♗g5 23.♖xe5 ♕f7



24.♕xa5! Tatev may have had other choices, but the material White wins for the queen is more than enough to give White a decissive advantage, and she went on to win the game in a really nice fashion.

24...♗xd2+ 25.♕xd2 ♖xd2 26.♔xd2 ♕g6 27.♘e2 ♔f7 28.♘f4 ♕g5 29.g3 h5 30.♘c5 h4 31.♖e3 ♕h6 32.♘ce6 ♗xe6 33.♖xe6 ♕g5 34.♖g6 ♕d8+ 35.♔e2 ♕e8+ 36.♔f1 ♕e4 37.♖xg7+ ♔e8 38.♗f6 ♕h1+ 39.♔e2 ♕e4+ 40.♔d2 ♕b4+ 41.♔c1 h3 42.♘xh3 ♕d6 43.♖e7+ ♔f8 44.♘g5 ♕a3+ 45.♔b1 a6 46.♘h7+ ♔g8 47.♖g7+ ♔h8 48.♘g5 1-0

Fataliyeva, Ulviyya (2372) - Buksa, Nataliya (2401)
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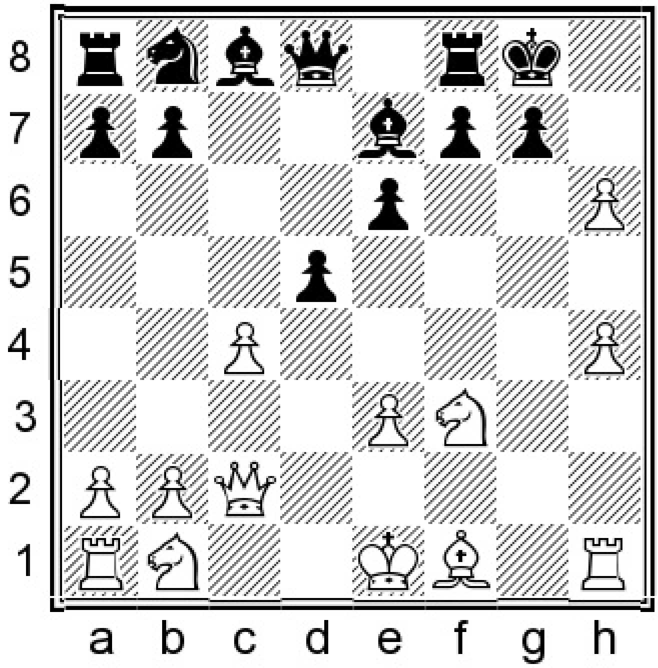
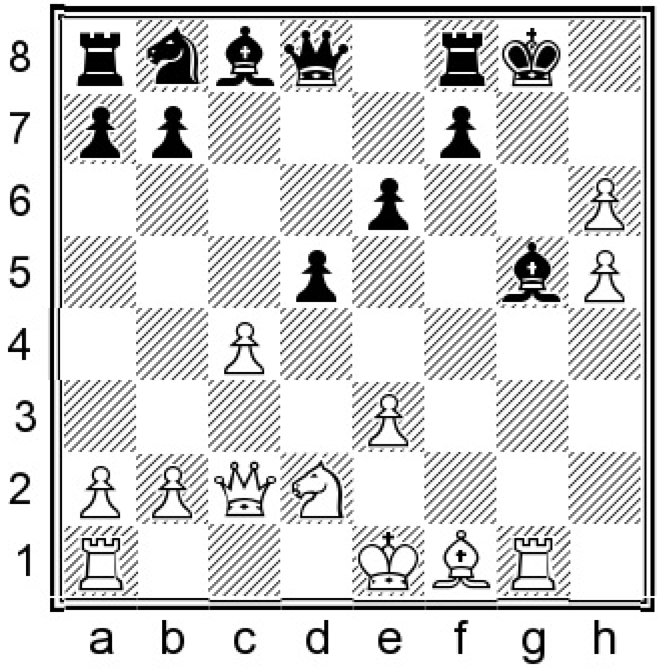


Still in the opening stage of the game Black unexpectedly played **12...♗b4+??** which does not solve the issue of White's attack on the kingside, and it additionally helps White develop.

Instead 12...g6 would have been the natural approach or gh6, and of course 13.h5 would be met by 13...g5 14.♖g1 ♔h8 15.♘c3 dxc4 White has the initiative, but Black's king should be safe behind the two white h-pawns.

13.♘bd2 ♕f6

Now 13...g6 does not work anymore as Black cannot hold on to the g-pawn. 14.h5 g5 15.♖g1 ♗e7 (15...f6?? 16.♕g6+ ♔h8 17.♕g7#) 16.♘xg5 ♗xg5



17.♘f3!+-

14.hxg7± From here on it was just a matter of technique for White to convert her advantage to a full point.

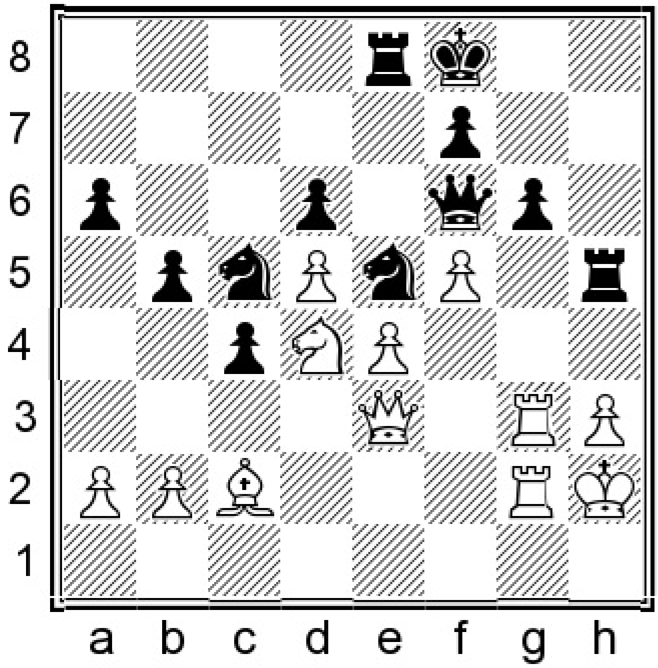
14...♕xf3 15.gxf8=♕+ ♔xf8 16.♖h3 ♕g4 17.h5 ♗d6 18.♘b3 e5 19.h6 ♗f5 20.♕d1 ♕xd1+ 21.♖xd1 ♗xh3 22.♗xh3 ♘c6 23.cxd5 ♘e7 24.♔e2 ♔g8 25.♖g1+ ♔h7 26.♘a5 ♗c7 27.♘xb7 ♘xd5 28.♗g2 ♘e7 29.♖d1 ♗b6

⌓29...♖e8

30.♖d7+- ♘g8 31.♘d6 ♖b8 32.♘xf7 ♘f6 33.♖d6 ♘g4 34.♗e4+ ♔g8 35.♘g5 ♗xe3 36.h7+ ♔g7 37.♖g6+ ♔h8 38.♘f7+ ♔xh7 39.♖xg4# 1-0

Ulviyya Fataliyeva, Chennai 2022; Photo: FIDE / Stev Bonhag

Mkrtchian, Lilit (2362) - Batsiashvili, Nino (2466)
Chennai (ol), 2022

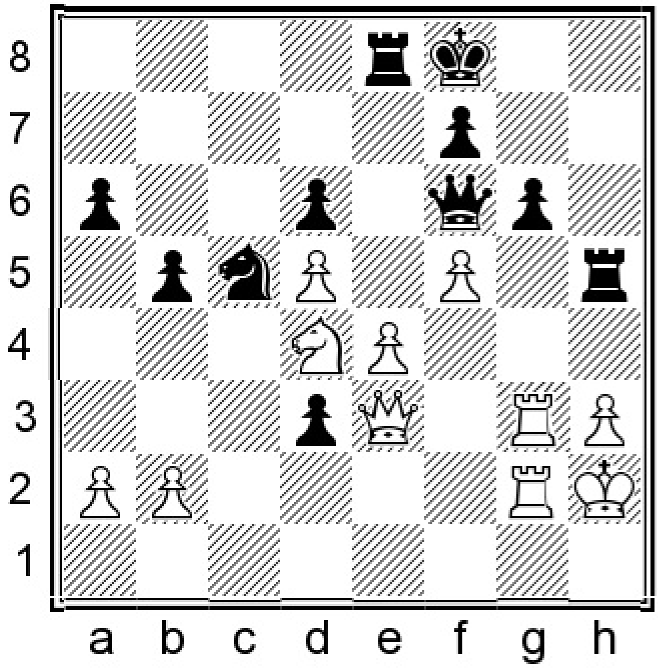


King's safety is often underrated. In the following position, Black has to play g5 first to keep the g-file closed and with the tactics present the capture of the pawn is impossible.

43...♘ed3??

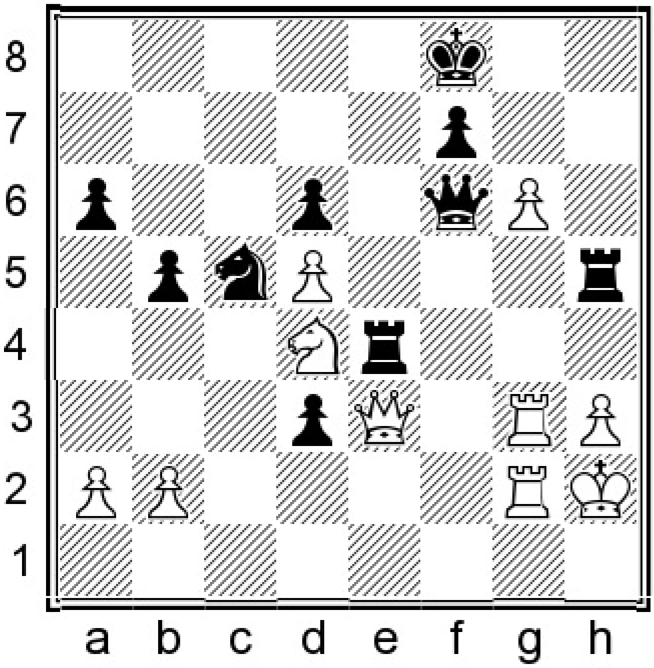
43...g5 44.♖xg5 ♖xg5 45.♖xg5 b4∓ Despite being down a pawn, Black's two knights are strong and so is the queenside majority.

44.♗xd3 cxd3



45.♖g4?? White missed the chance to obtain advantage and blundered into a lost position.

45.fxg6! d2 (45...♖xe4

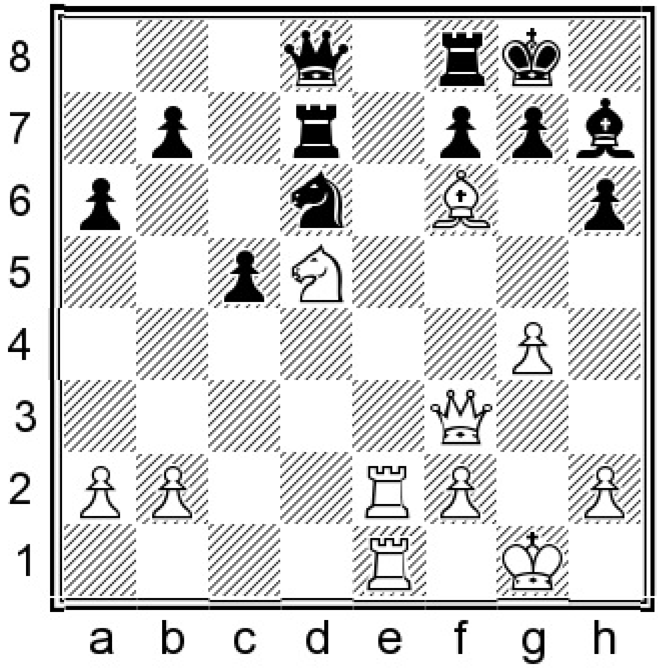


46.♕f3! ♕xf3 47.♖xf3 ♖e7 48.♘c6 ♖d7 49.g7+ ♔g8 50.♖e3+-) 46.♖f2+-

45...♖xe4!-+ 46.♖xe4 ♘xe4 47.♕xd3 ♕e5+ 48.♔g1 ♘g5 49.♖g3 ♘xh3+ 50.♖xh3 ♖xh3 51.♕xh3 ♕xd4+ 52.♔f1 ♕d1+ 53.♔f2 ♕d2+ 54.♔f1 ♕c1+ 55.♔e2 ♕xb2+ 56.♔d1 ♕b1+ 57.♔d2 ♕xa2+ 58.♔c1 ♕c4+ 59.♔b2 ♕xd5 60.fxg6 fxg6 0-1

In the following position Black must have hallucinated that White had a mate and blundered. Sandu converted easily.

Sandu, Mihaela (2297) - Socko, Monika (2416)
Chennai (ol), 2022

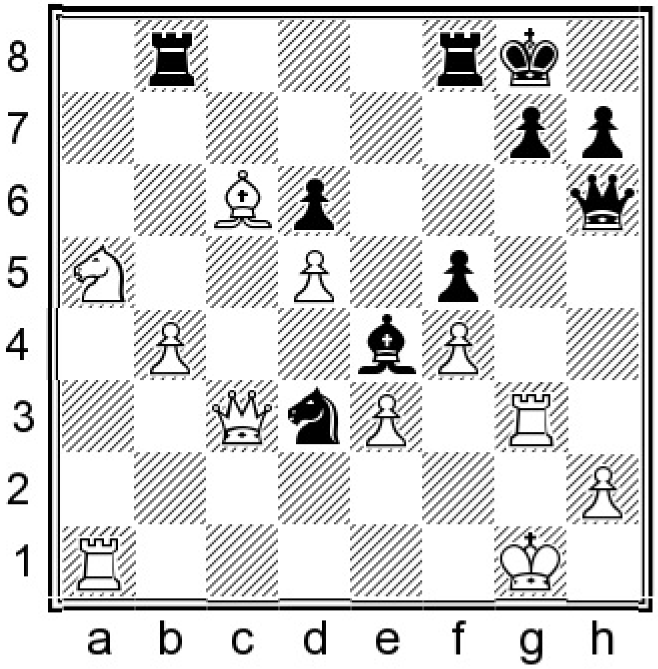


28...♕a5??

28...gxf6 was the only move and White doesn't have more than repetition. 29.♘xf6+ (29.♕xf6?? could be a move to be scared of, but it fails to 29...♘e4! 30.♖xe4 ♖xd5-+) 29...♔g7 30.♘h5+ ♔h8 31.♘f6 (31.♕c3+ f6-+) 31...♔g7 32.♘h5+ White doesn't have time for Qc3, so has to accept the repetition. (32.g5? ♘f5!)

29.♗xg7! ♔xg7 30.♕f6+ ♔g8 31.♕xh6 f6 32.♖e7 ♖f7 33.♘xf6+ ♔h8 34.♖e8+ 1-0

Arabidze, Meri (2426) - Buksa, Nataliya (2401)
Chennai (ol), 2022



White's king is clearly week, but the position doesn't seem too dynamic. In fact, it is quite dynamic and sharp, so a simple wrong move can cause disaster. White had to hurry to reroute the knight and get rid of Black's Be4. Instead **32.b5??** was played and Black won simply by bringing the rook to g6 and trading it for White's only defender.

32.♘c4! ♖f6 33.♘d2 ♖g6 34.♘xe4 fxe4 35.♖a7 ♖xg3+ 36.hxg3 ♕g6 37.♔g2 ♕g4 38.♗d7 ♕e2+ 39.♔h3 ♕h5+ (39...♘f2+ 40.♔h4+-) 40.♔g2=

32...♖f6 33.♖d1 ♖g6 34.♖xd3 ♖xg3+ 35.hxg3 ♕h1+ 36.♔f2 ♕g2+ 37.♔e1 ♗f3 0-1

Koneru, Humpy (2586) - Dzagnidze, Nana (2531)
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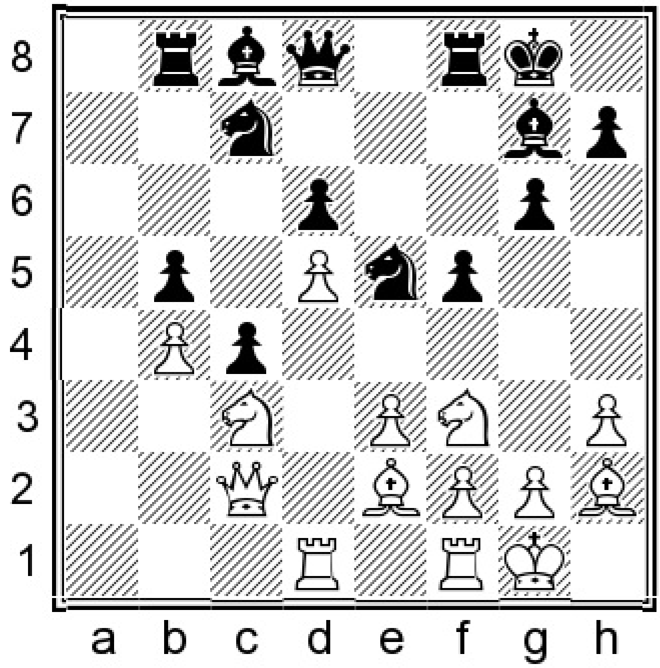


In a Benoni position, where Black had to continue seizing the initiative, Dzagnidze chose the passive **20...♘f7?**

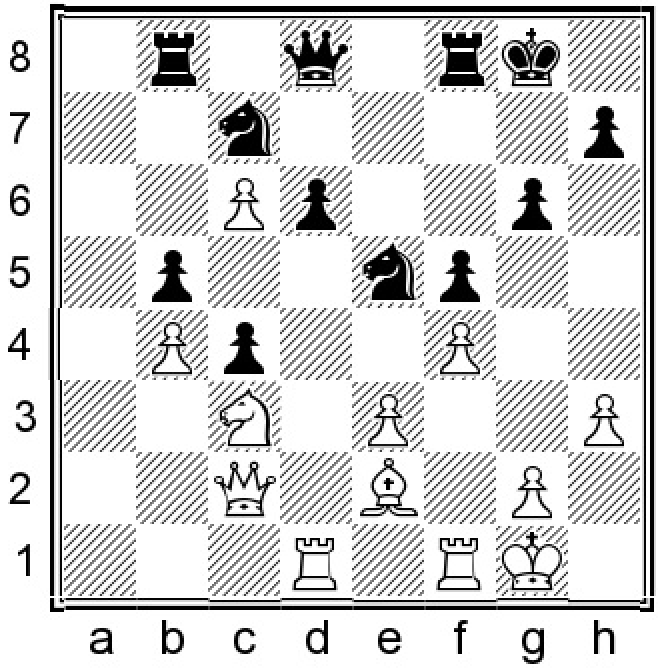
Instead 20...♘xf3+ had to be played. 21.♗xf3 ♘a6 22.♖b1 g5→

21.♘d4! Now White starts putting the pressure. **21...♗d7 22.♘c6 ♗xc6**

22...♕f6!? The way the game went seemed a little uncomfortable for Black, so giving up the exchange may have kept things complicated and White's bishops closed. 23.♘xb8 ♖xb8⩱

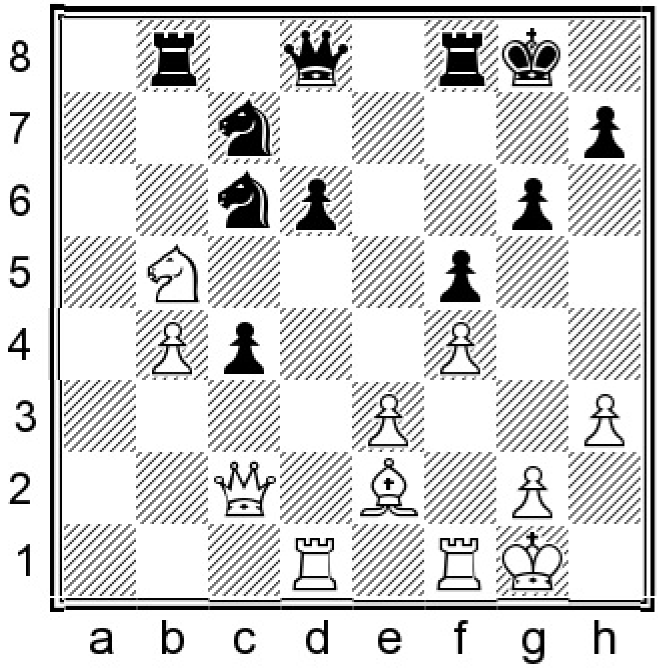
23.dxc6 ♗e5 24.♗xe5 ♘xe5 The bishops are traded, so White can take advantage of the many pawn weaknesses in the black camp, while keeping her knights restricted.

25.f4!



25...♘f7?? After this move, Black's position was hopeless and Koneru converted without much trouble.

25...♘xc6 would haven been Black's last chance. 26.♘xb5 - and the following sequence had to be found:

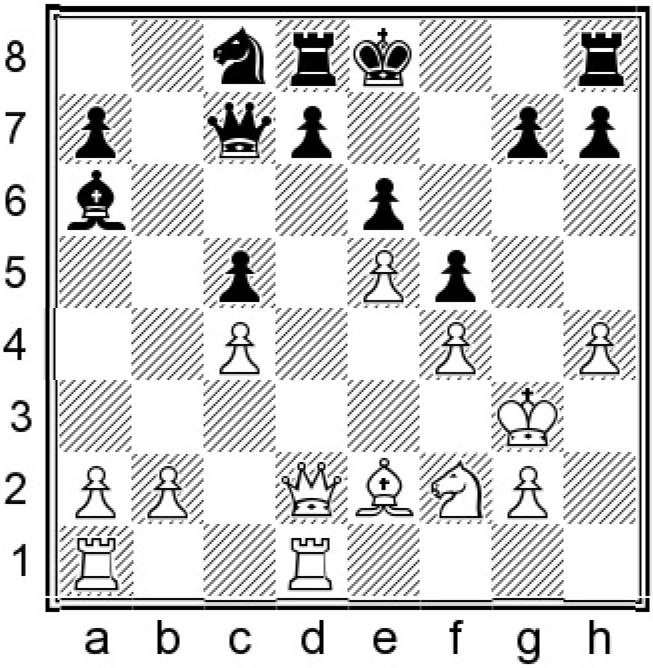


26...d5! 27.♗xc4! (27.♘xc7 ♘xb4! 28.♕c3 ♕xc7∞) 27...♘xb4 28.♕c3 ♘xb5 29.♕xb4 ♘c7 30.♕c5± Of course White is better, but even with the loss of the d5-pawn, having pawns on only one flank could help Black to hold.

26.♗f3 ♕e7 27.♖fe1 ♖fe8 28.♕d2 ♖bd8 29.e4 fxe4 30.♖xe4 ♕h4 31.♘d5 ♖xe4 32.♗xe4 ♘xd5 33.♗xd5 ♕f6 34.♕e3 ♖f8 35.♕e6 ♕d8 36.♖e1 ♔g7 37.♕e7 ♕b6+ 38.♕e3 ♕xe3+ 39.♖xe3 ♔f6

40.♖e6+ ♔f5 41.c7 c3 42.♖e3 1-0

Malicka, Maria (2393) - Melia, Salome (2384)
Chennai (ol), 2022



This position is definitely better for White, but I found this example interesting as it is one of those positions where one has to castle, but it just happens that it isn't the best move.

21...O-O?

21...d5! had to be played instead or else Black's minor pieces remain completely closed. 22.♖ac1 (22.cxd5 ♖xd5 23.♕e3 ♗xe2 24.♖xd5 exd5 25.♕xe2 O-O 26.♖c1±) 22...O-O 23.cxd5 ♖xd5 24.♕e3 ♗xe2 25.♖xd5 exd5 26.♕xe2 ♘e7 27.♘d3 c4 28.♘e1±

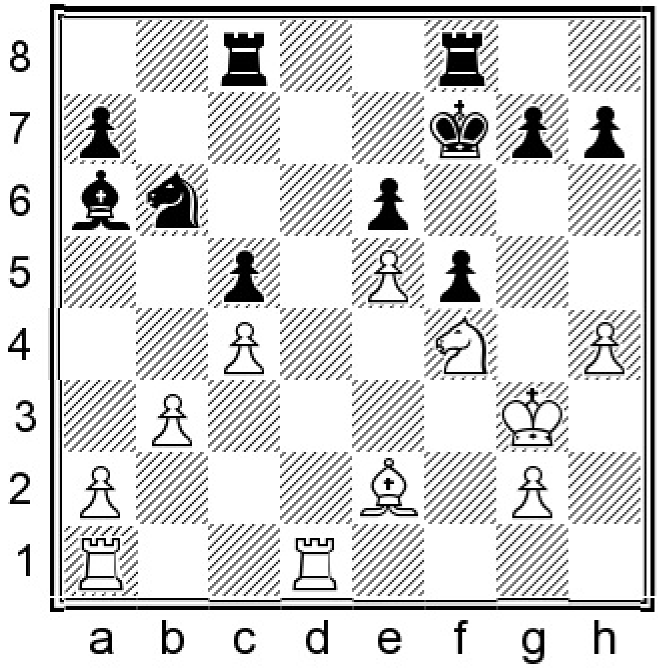
22.♕e3! d6

22...d5?? - this loses due to 23.cxd5 and now Rd5 doesn't come with tempo anymore. 23...♗xe2 24.d6+-

23.b3 dxe5 Black has tried to allow her pieces some space, but White played very well: **24.♕xe5 ♕xe5 25.fxe5** - and now the Nc8 has nowhere to go: **25...♘b6**

25...♘e7 26.♖xd8 ♖xd8 27.♖d1 ♖xd1 28.♗xd1 ♘c6 29.♘d3+- and Black's weaknesses fall before White's.

26.♘d3 ♖c8 27.♘f4 ♔f7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28.♖d6!+- - and from here on it was just a matter of technique!

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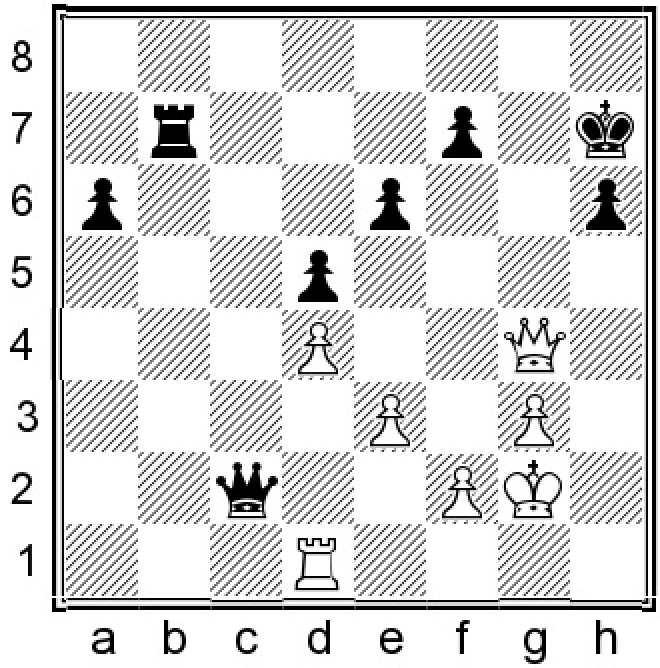
Danielian, Elina (2441) - Mammadzada, Gunay (2455)
Chennai (ol), 2022



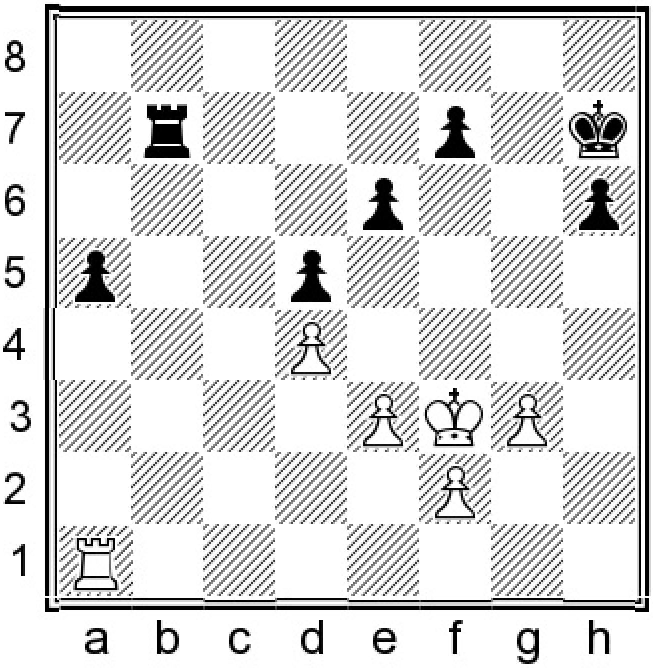
Although a pawn down, White could have kept the balance with 39.Ra1 forcing Black to stay passive and most importantly controlling the e4-square to avoid Qe4.

39.♕h5??

39.♖a1 ♖b6 (39...♖a7 40.♕f4! and now the queen trade does not work. 40...♕e4+ 41.♕xe4+ dxe4 42.♖a5! f5 43.f3 exf3+ 44.♔xf3 ♔g6 45.g4 fxg4+ 46.♔xg4=) 40.♕f3

39...♕e4+ 40.♔h2

40.♕f3 ♕xf3+ 41.♔xf3 a5 42.♖a1



42...♖a7! and with the rook behind the pawn Black is winning. 43.♖a4 ♔g6 44.♔f4 ♔f6 45.♔g4 ♔e7 46.♔h5 ♔d6 47.♔xh6 ♔c6 48.g4 ♔b5 49.♖a1 a4-+

40...♔g7 41.♕e2

41.♕e5+!? could have been one of White's last tries to hold the rook endgame. 41...♕xe5 42.dxe5

41...a5 42.♕a2 ♕f3 43.♖f1 ♖a7 44.♔g1 h5 45.♖e1 ♕e4 46.♕e2 ♕g4 47.♕d3 ♕e4

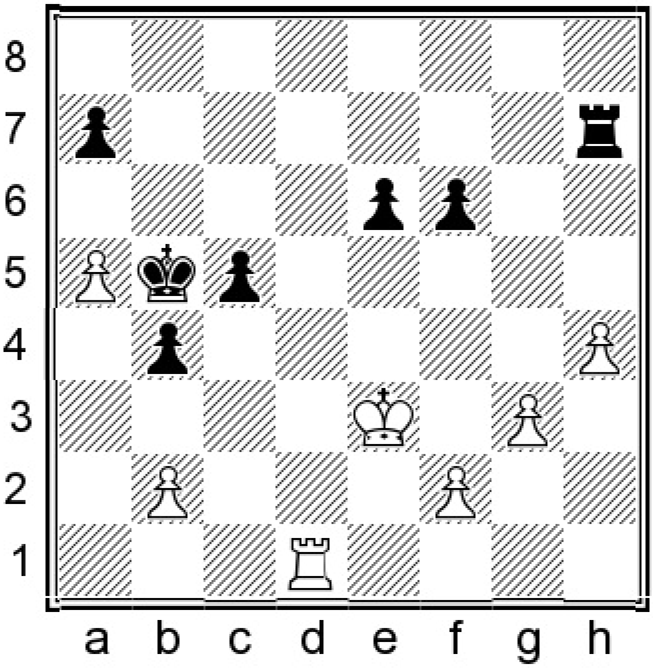
47...h4! would have made things easier for Black.

48.♕d1 ♔h6 49.f3 ♕g6 and the rest is pretty easy for Black.

50.♔g2 a4 51.♖e2 h4 52.g4 f5 53.♕e1 ♕g5 54.♔h3 a3 55.♖a2 ♔g6 56.♕c3 ♖f7 57.gxf5+ ♖xf5 58.♖g2 ♖xf3+ 59.♔h2 ♖g3 60.♕c2+ ♔h6 61.♖f2 ♖h3+ 0-1

Rook endgames are not always a draw as many tend to believe, and precise play is important especially in those situations with many pawns still present on the board.

Kashlinskaya, Alina (2505) - Salimova, Nurgyul (2416)
Chennai (ol), 2022



35.♖d8?? In this position, though the move seems natural to activate the rook, it slows White down and it led to her demise.

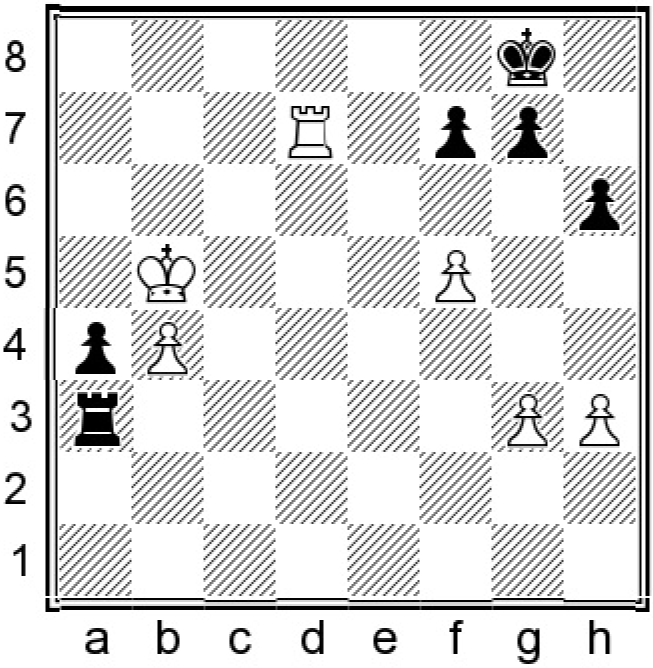
Instead 35.♖h1 had to be played to support the h-pawn and create conterplay on the kingside. 35...♔a4 36.g4 e5 to stop White from creating two passed pawns with f4, g5.

35...♔a4 36.♔d2 White chose the passive approach and never had the chance to push her passed pawns, so Black played in a flawless style from here on.

36...♔b3 37.♔c1 c4 38.♖d6 ♖h5 39.♖xe6 ♖xa5 40.♖e3+ c3 41.bxc3 bxc3 42.♔b1 ♖d5 43.♔c1 a5 44.♖e6 ♖b5 45.h5 a4 46.h6 a3 47.h7 a2 48.♖a6 ♖h5 49.♖b6+ ♔c4 50.♖a6 a1=♕+ 51.♖xa1 ♔d3 52.♔b1 ♖xh7 53.♖a3 ♔d2 54.♖a2+ ♔d1 55.f4 ♖b7+ 0-1

Another interesting rook endgame, where luck played an important role.

Sachdev, Tania (2399) - Fataliyeva, Ulviyya (2372)
Chennai (ol), 2022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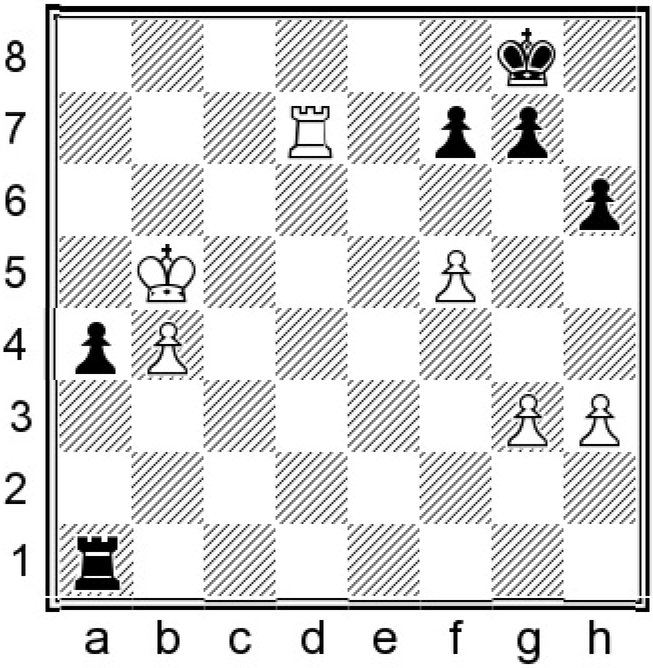
In this position, though it seems natural to move the rook to support the a-passed pawn, White has a brilliant idea that allows the conversion.

47...♖a1??

Instead 47...h5 had to be played to create kingside conterplay. 48.♔a5 ♖xg3 49.b5 ♖xh3 50.♔xa4 (50.b6?? ♖b3 51.♔a6 a3 52.b7 a2 53.♖d1 ♖b1-+) 50...♖h1 51.b6 ♖b1 52.b7 ♔h7 53.♖xf7 h4 54.f6 ♔g6 55.♖xg7+ ♔xf6 56.♖h7=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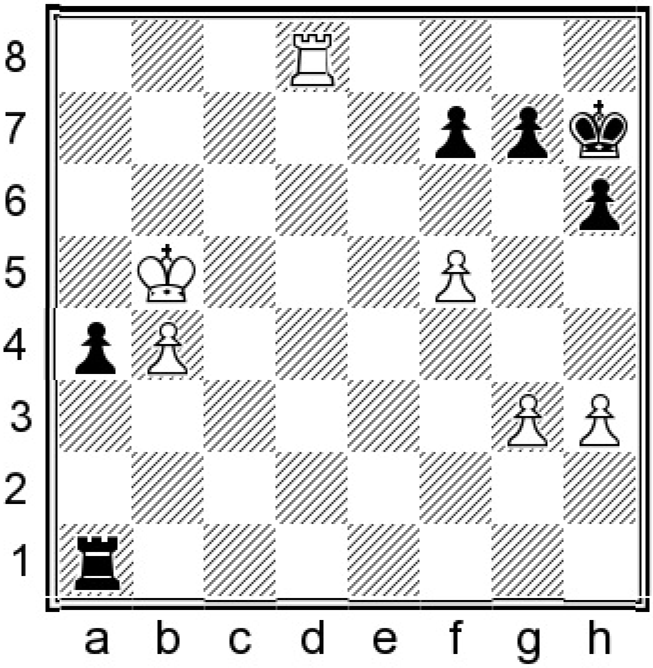
48.♖d8+

48.♔a5! directly also works.

48...♔h7



49.♔a5! is an important idea to have the option to take on a3 as shown in a line below.

49.♔a6?? ♖a3 50.b5 ♖xg3 51.b6 a3 52.b7 a2 53.♖h8+ ♔xh8 54.b8=♕+ ♔h7 55.♕b2 ♖g2 56.♕a3 g6 57.fxg6+ ♔xg6=

49...g6

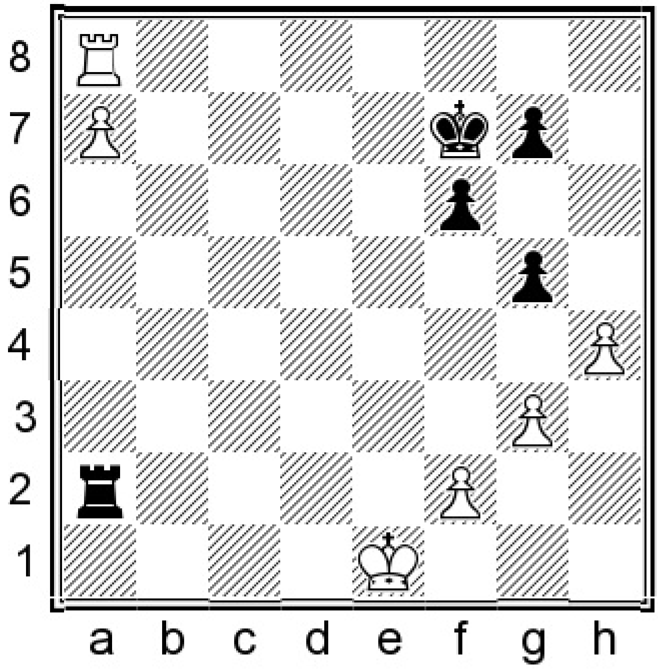
49...a3 50.♖d3! a2 51.♖a3+- and now with the a-pawn stopped White wins with the b-pawn.

49...♖a3 now it is winning as follows: 50.b5 ♖xg3 51.♔xa4! ♖g1 52.b6 ♖b1 53.♔a5 ♖a1+ 54.♔b5 ♖b1+ 55.♔c6 ♖c1+ 56.♔d7 ♖b1 57.♔c7 ♖c1+ 58.♔b8 g5 59.fxg6+ ♔xg6 60.b7 ♔g5 61.♔a7 ♖a1+ 62.♔b6 ♖b1+ 63.♔c6 ♖c1+ (63...f5 Black is too slow 64.b8=♕ ♖xb8 65.♖xb8 ♔h4 66.♔d5+-) 64.♔d7 ♖b1 65.b8=♕ ♖xb8 66.♖xb8 ♔h4 67.♖b3+-

50.b5 gxf5 51.b6 ♖b1 52.♖d3 ♔g6 53.♖a3 ♔f6 54.♔a6 ♔e5 55.♖xa4 ♔d5 56.b7 ♔c6 57.♖c4+ ♔d7 58.♖c5 ♖a1+ 59.♖a5 ♖xa5+ 60.♔xa5 ♔c7 61.♔a6 ♔b8 62.♔b6 h5 63.h4 1-0

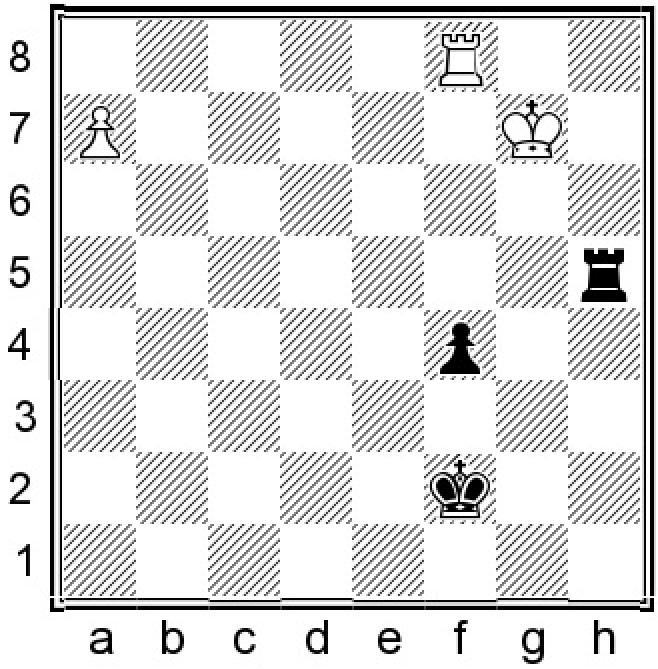
When you play well sometimes luck is on your side as well. As I mentioned earlier, Kiolbasa has had a brilliant Olympiad, and this is the game that brought her the 9th point (9/9). In the following position, Black delayed the trading of the h-pawn leading to a lost endgame, which Oliwia converted nicely.

Kiolbasa, Oliwia (2376) - Vaishali, Ramesh Babu (2442)
Chennai (ol), 2022

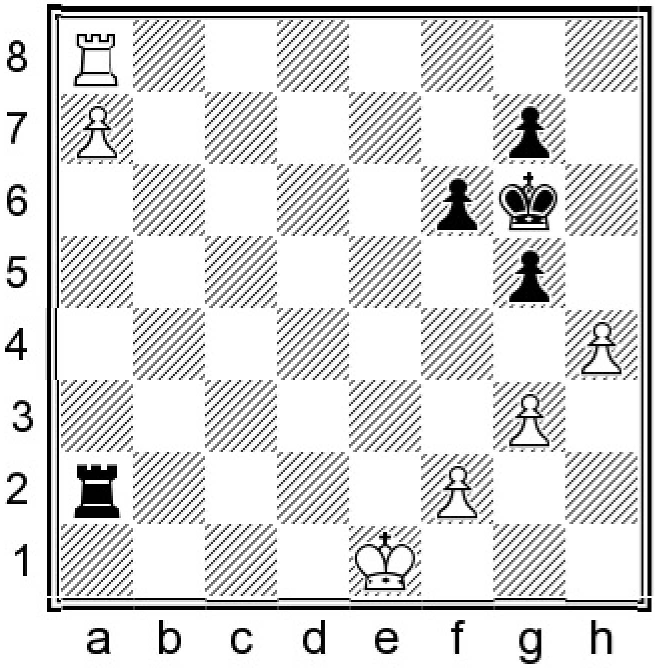


57...♔g6??

57...gxh4! 58.gxh4 ♔g6 59.h5+ ♔f5! (59...♔g5= also works.) 60.♔d1 Bringing the king would be the only winning plan, but it isn't sufficient for a win. The line could go as follows: 60...♔f4 61.♔c1 ♖a1+ 62.♔b2 ♖a6 63.♔b3 f5 64.♔b4 ♔f3 65.♔b5 ♖a1 66.♔b6 ♖b1+ 67.♔c6 ♖c1+ 68.♔d6 ♖a1 69.♔e5 f4 70.♔f5 ♖a5+ 71.♔g6 ♔xf2 72.♔xg7 ♖xh5 73.♖f8



73...♖g5+! 74.♔f6 ♖a5 75.a8=♕ ♖xa8 76.♖xa8 f3 77.♔g5 ♔g2 78.♔f4 f2 79.♖a2=



58.h5+!+- Now White keeps the h-pawn the the rest is just a matter of technique.

Oliwia Kiołbasa vs Vaishali Rameshbabu, Chennai 2022; Photo: FIDE / Stev Bonhag

Ushenina, Anna (2423) - Kiolbasa, Oliwia (2376)
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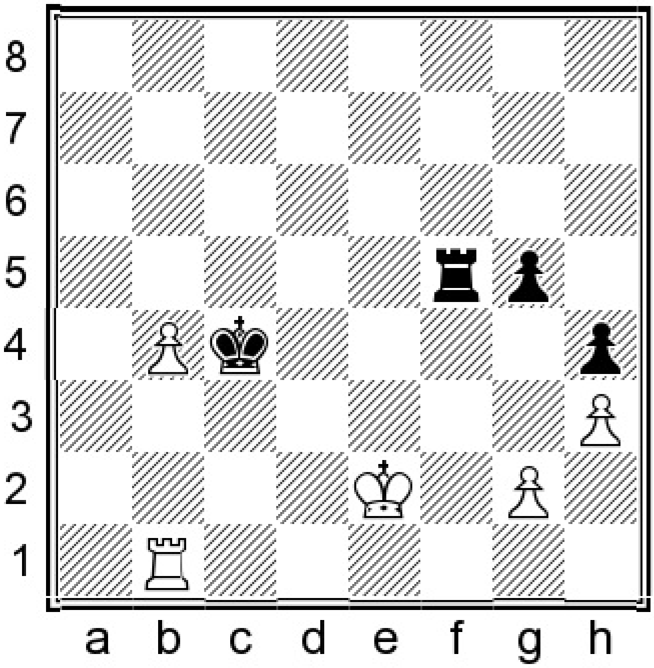

Sometimes luck favours our opponents. In the following endgame, Kiolbasa rushed with **56...g4??** thinking that trades are in her favour. Unfortunately, this led to her loss and brought the Ukraine's team the gold.

56...♔c3**!** - this leads to a repetition, which is an idea that Black missed. 57.b5 ♔c2 58.♖b4 (58.♖f1 ♖e5+ first to keep White's rook restricted. 59.♔f2 ♖xb5 60.♖a1 ♔d3 61.♔f3 ♔d4 62.♔g4 ♖b2 63.♖g1 ♔e3 64.♔xg5 ♔f2=) 58...♔c3∞

57.hxg4+- ♖f4 58.b5 ♖xg4 59.♔f3 ♖g3+ 60.♔f2 ♖g7 61.b6 ♖b7 62.♔f3 ♔d5 63.♔g4 ♔e5 64.♔xh4 ♔f5 65.g4+ ♔g6 66.♖b5 ♔f6 67.g5+ ♔g6 68.♔g4 ♔g7 69.♔f5 ♔f7 70.♔e4 1-0

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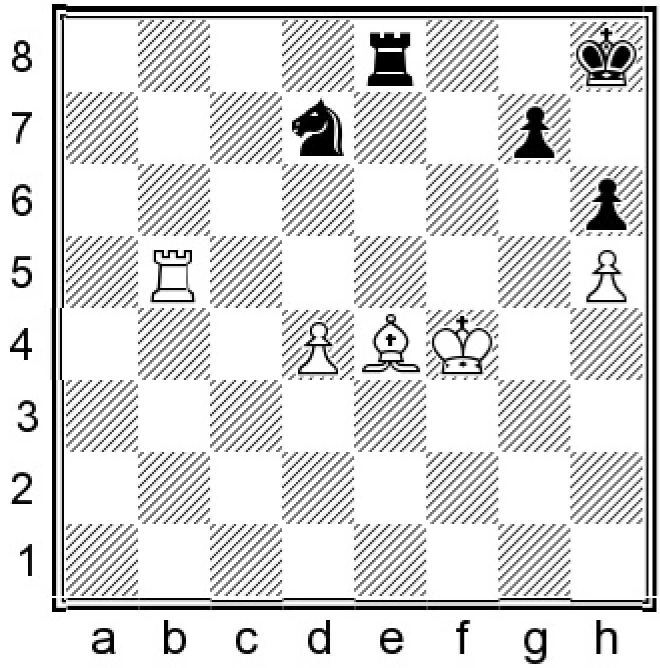
Dzagnidze, Nana (2531) - Danielian, Elina (2441)
Chennai (ol), 2022



Another one of those examples where the rules you are learning at home does not work, and you have to always double check the position. Of course, Black has to find a way to bring the king towards the centre, but here it was more important to stay active and try to win the h-pawn first.

56...♔g8??

56...♖f8+! 57.♔e3 (57.♗f5 ♘f6 58.d5 ♘xh5+ 59.♔e5 ♘f6=) 57...♘f6 58.♗g6 ♖d8 This allows the capture with check, so White cannot make any progress. Activity would have been more important than bringing the king towards the centre. 59.♔f4

57.♗g6! - and now because the e8-square is controlled by the bishop, White can bring her king to support the push of the d-pawn. Also, Black's king stays on a back rank mate so that keeps the knight and rook to find a way to capture the d-pawn.

57...♖d8

57...♖f8+ 58.♔e4 ♘f6+ 59.♔e5

58.♔f5 ♘f8

58...♘f6 59.♔e6

59.d5 ♘xg6 60.hxg6 ♔f8 61.♔e6 ♖e8+ 62.♔d7 ♖e7+ 63.♔c6 ♖e2 64.d6 ♖c2+ 65.♔d7 1-0

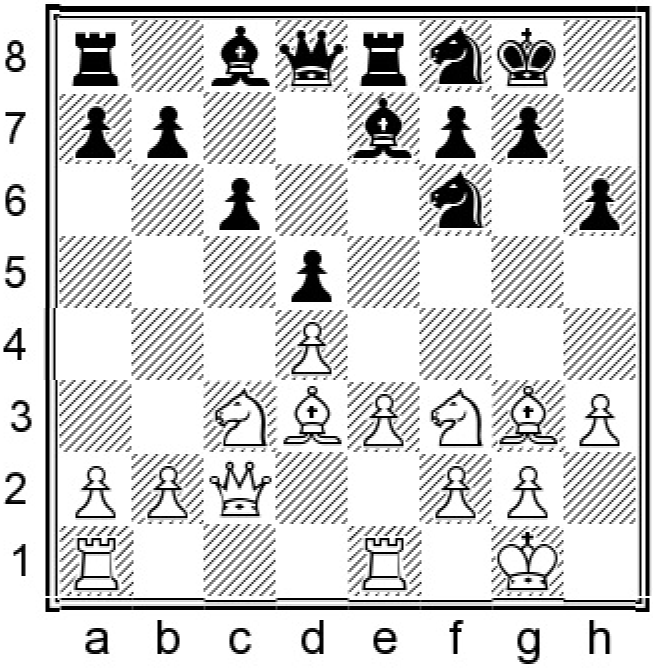
THIS OR THAT? - PART 1

Pearls of the Olympiad

In this article we shall look at the critical positions in games that had the potential to change the nature of the position. We have to decide if we should act quickly, energetically and change the dynamics of the position - or just do "nothing" and maintain the same rhythm. I have collected examples from the recently finished Olympiad. I was present there since I was assisting the Indian Women A Team.

Naturally, I was observing most of the games in both open and Women section with great interest. For this article I have choosen examples where we were pondering together about the positions with the only exception being that I was sitting in my room and staring at the laptop without the chess board! I hope you will have fun going through these instructive examples.

Carlsen, Magnus (2864) - Batsuren, Dambasuren (2518)
Chennai (ol), 2022



Black is yet to develop his queenside pieces whereas White, on the other hand, has developed all his pieces except the a1-rook. In order to fianchetto his light-squared bishop Black played his next move

14...b6

Should White play concrete chess by pushing e4, or any other useful move like Ne5 (or Rac1/d1)?

15.e4! Carlsen finds the right moment to push e4 since the c6-pawn is weakened due to the b6 advance.

15.♘e5 is also possible. However, the text move is stronger.

15...dxe4 16.♘xe4 ♗b7 17.♘e5±

Shyam Sundar Mohanraj

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- **Born:** 1992
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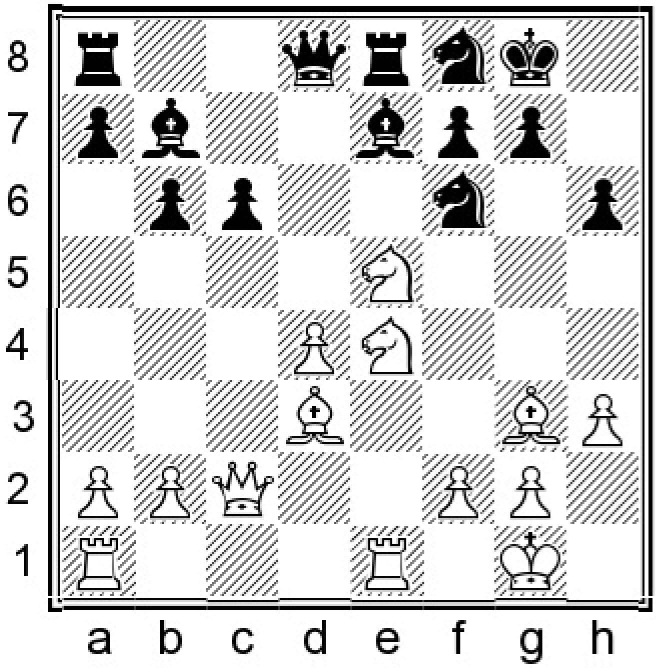
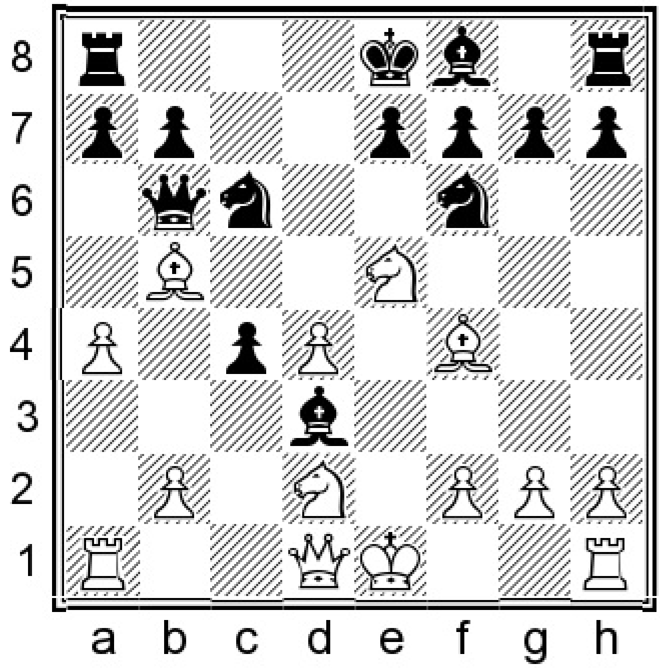
- **Peak rating:** 2554
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2013



White's centralised knights, weak c6-pawn, open b1-h7 diagonal and a2-g8 diagonal secure him a full control, thus securing him a huge advantage.

Caruana, Fabiano (2783) - Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2688)
Chennai (ol), 2022

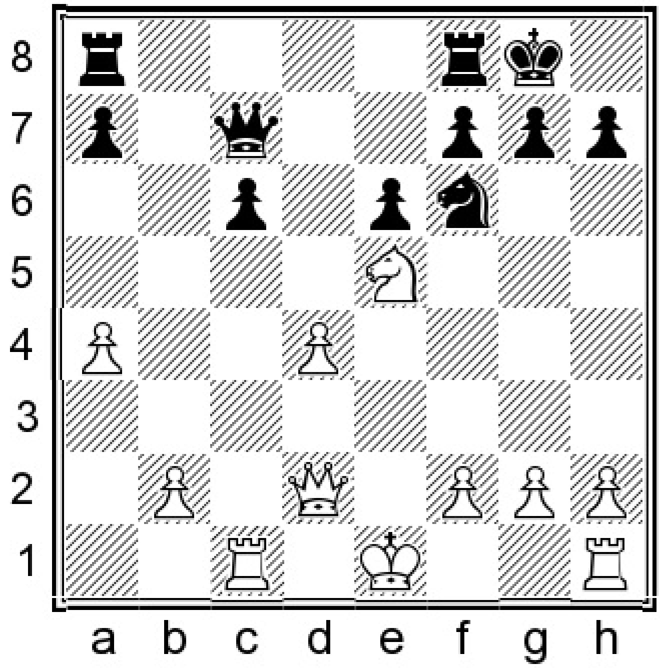


Caruana did not have a great tournament. However, I am sure that he will bounce back strongly. In this game he probably got confused about his preparation. Let us look what Black played here: **10...e6** With the intention to bring his f8-bishop to the b4 square. Should White take on d3/c4 or play Qf3? What would be your choice?

11.♕f3?! Probably Fabi either misevaluated or miscalculated.

11.♘xd3 does not give much to White since the d4-pawn is more weakened now. 11...cxd3;

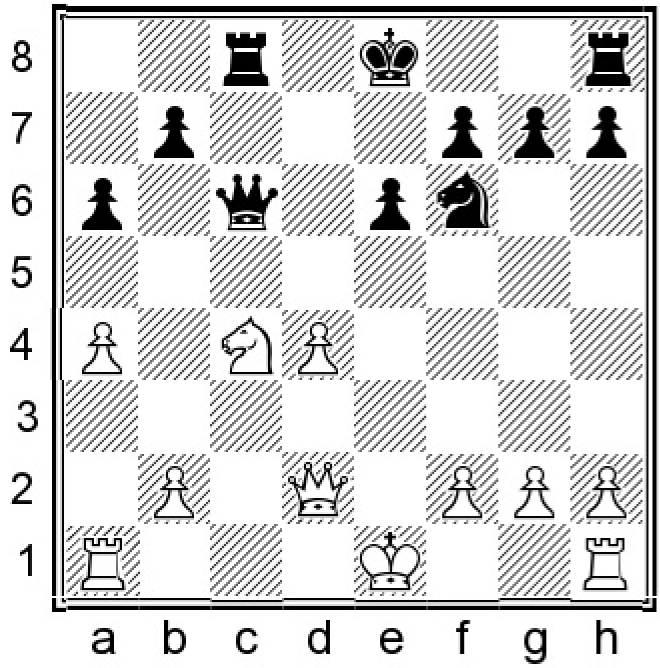
11.♘dxc4 Best move in this position. 11...♗b4+ Black's play is more or less forced. 12.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 13.♕xd2 ♗xc4 14.♘xc4 ♕c7 15.♘e5! Better to weaken the structure before castling. 15...O-O 16.♗xc6 bxc6 17.♖c1



With a pleasant position for White.

11...♖c8 12.♘xd3 cxd3 13.♕xd3 a6 14.♘c4 ♗b4+ 15.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 16.♕xd2 ♕c7 17.♗xc6+ White got the similiar position in the previous variation with the only exception that Black's pawn structure is not ruined here.

17...♕xc6∓



Black has the better side of equality and managed to win the game in a really nice style.

Caruana, Fabiano (2783) - Gukesh, Dommaraju (2684)
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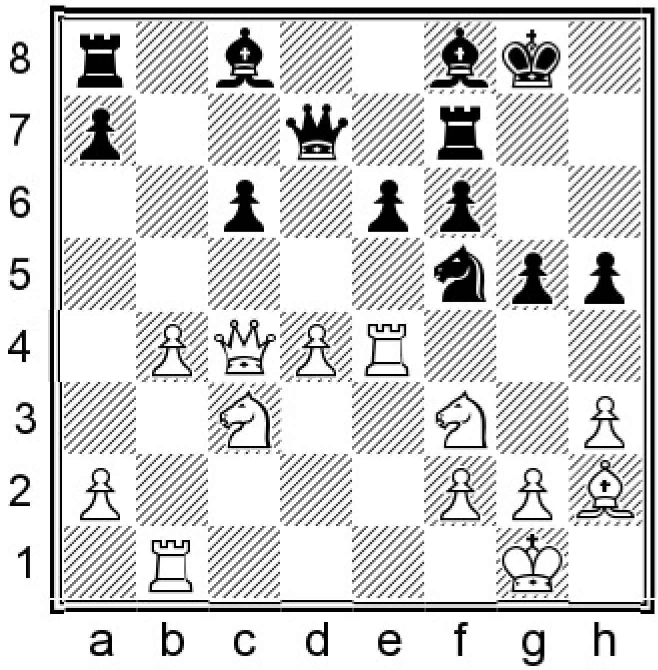


The position is extremely complex. Black has a pair of bishops, but his pawn structure is compromised. White's pieces are restricted despite having a good pawn structure. White now plays a casual move to defend his b4 pawn.

28.a3

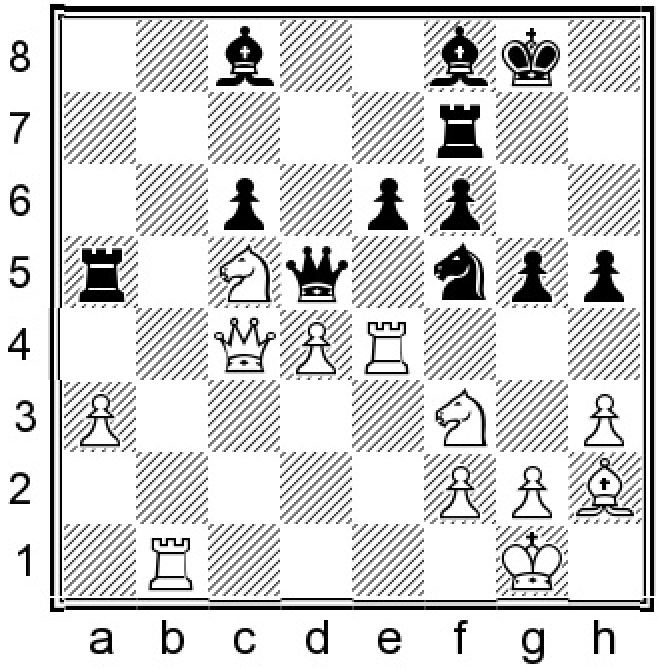
How can Black improve his pieces?

28...a5! Gukesh correctly opens up the a-file to give life to his rook.

29.♘a4

29.b5 cxb5 30.♘xb5 ♗b7∓; 29.bxa5 ♖xa5∓

29...♕d8 30.bxa5 ♖xa5 31.♘c5 ♕d5!∓



From this point on Black played precisely and managed to win the game with impeccable calculations.

Aronian, Levon (2775) - Theodorou, Nikolas (2575)
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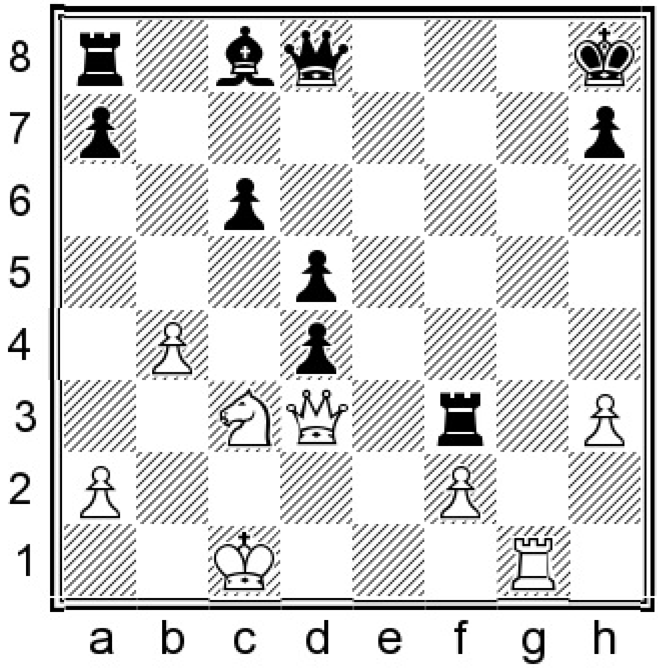
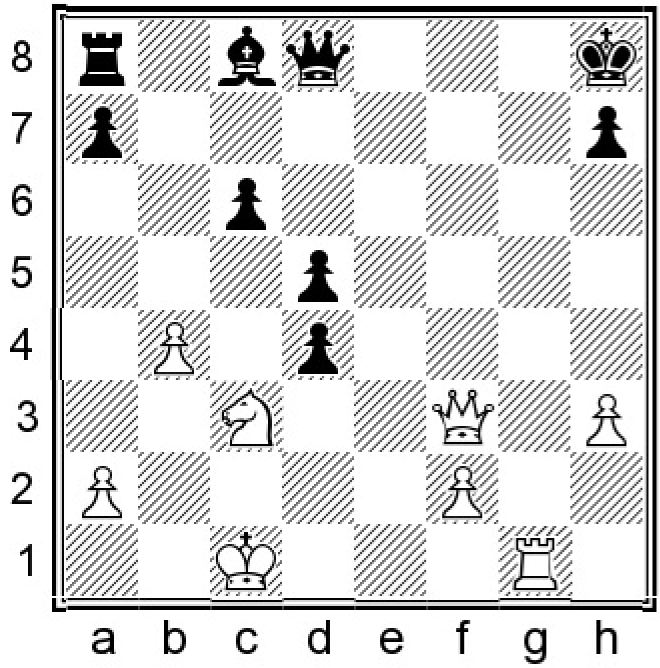


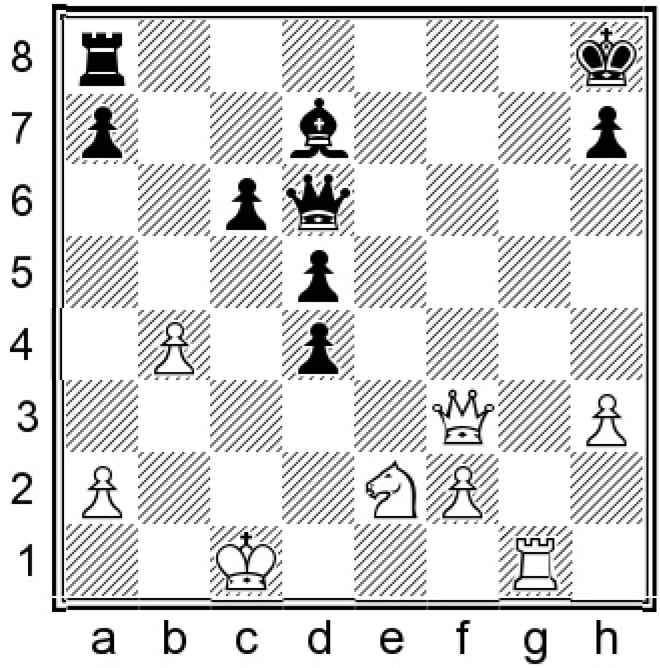
23.♕xf3 The position is a wild one and Black has to be very precise to avoid being checkmated! White does not threat anything at the moment, but Black has only one way to keep the game going! How can Black continue to keep an eye on the dark-squares?



23...♕d6! The only move that controls the key dark squares. Had it been any other move White could have played Qf4.

24.♖g5 Probably Levon wanted to double his major pieces on the g-file.

24.♘e2 ♗d7

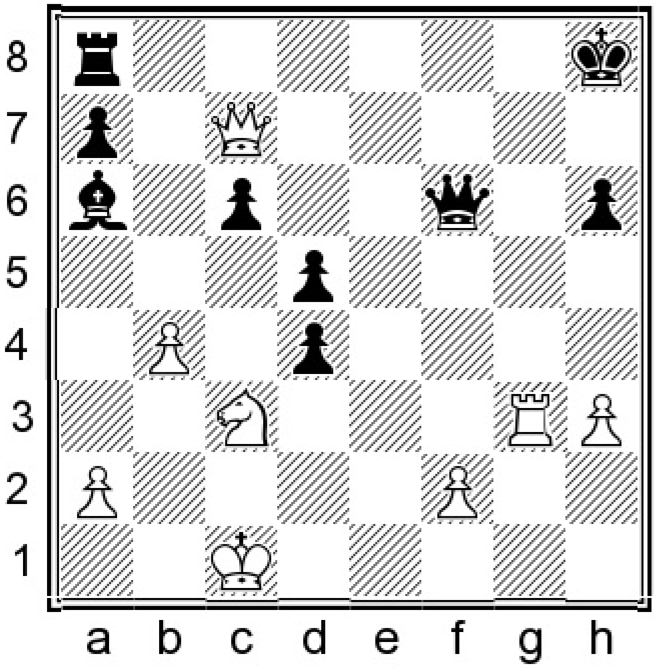


With a double edged game.

24...h6

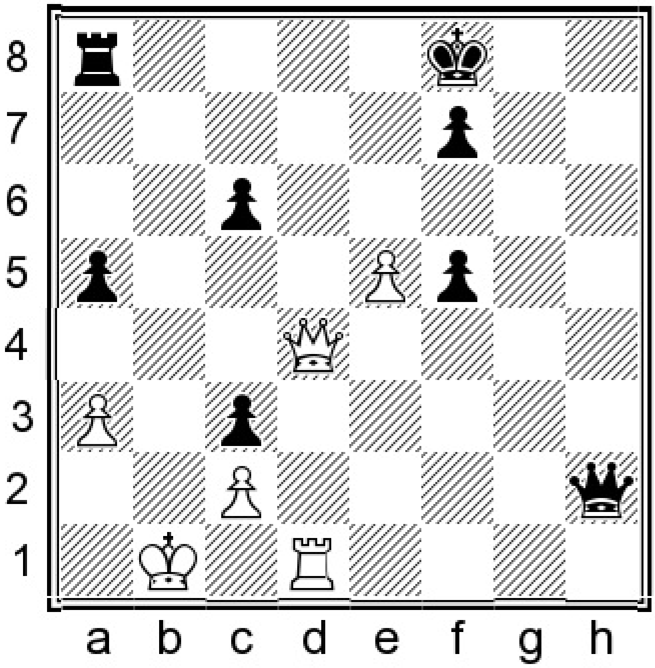
24...♗d7 was probably stronger. However, the move played in the game is also fine.

25.♖g3 ♗a6 26.♕f7 ♕f8 27.♕c7 ♕f6-+



Black has halted the majority of White's threats and managed to win the game after a few more moves.

Muzychuk, Mariya (2540) - Kashlinskaya, Alina (2505)
Chennai (ol), 2022

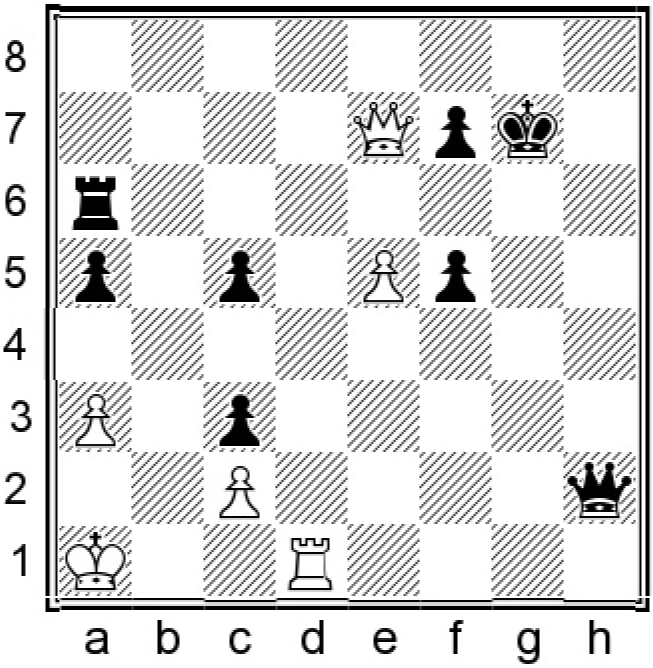


27.♕d6+

White's opening preparation was on point and posed practical problems for Black. Here Black has two possible king moves to the g-file. Surprisingly, only one seems to be correct. At first sight it looks confusing, however spending a good portion of time in this position should be good enough to understand the nuances.

27...♔g8

27...♔g7! 28.♕e7 Other moves are also possible. But, let us see whats the point of placing the king on g7 instead on g8. (28.♕f6+ ♔f8! (28...♔g8? 29.♔a1! Moving the king away from the b-file. White has many threats now. For example, he can even afford to play e6 since Qh2-b8 is not a check now!)) 28...c5! 29.♔a1 ♖a6!!

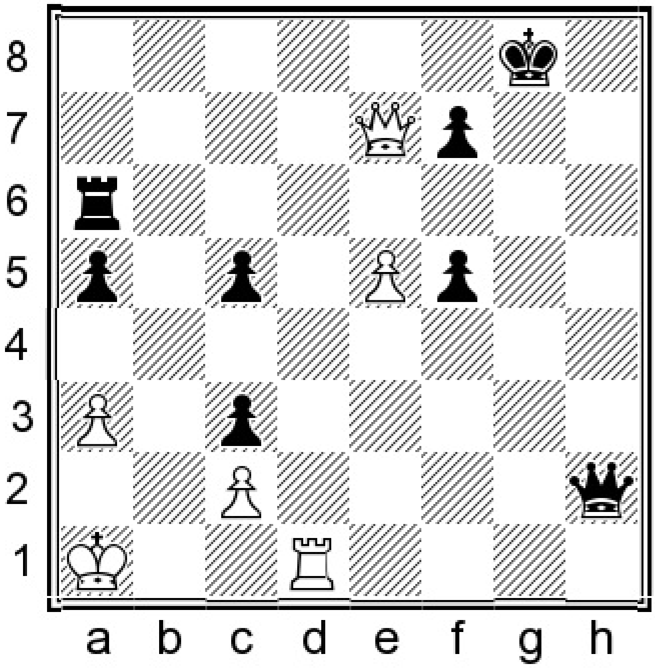


Of course, these moves are hard to find as they are quite "computeristic". However, I believe we can learn the pattern in this sequence. Black opts for the 3rd rank defence to protect his king. At least this is what I learnt from these moves. I will be glad if my dear readers point out other patterns behind these moves!

28.♕e7! Such non-forcing moves are hard to play and very difficult to deal with! White positions all her pieces on the right squares before delivering the final blow.

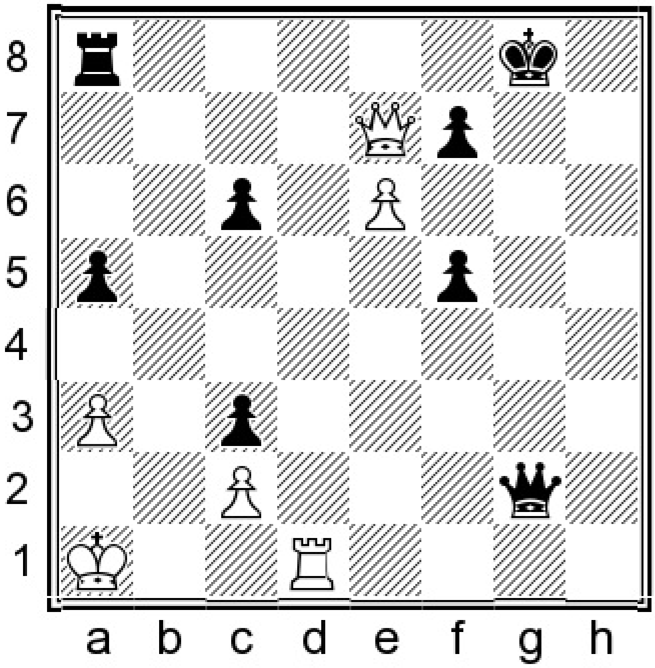
28...♕f2

28...c5 29.♔a1 ♖a6



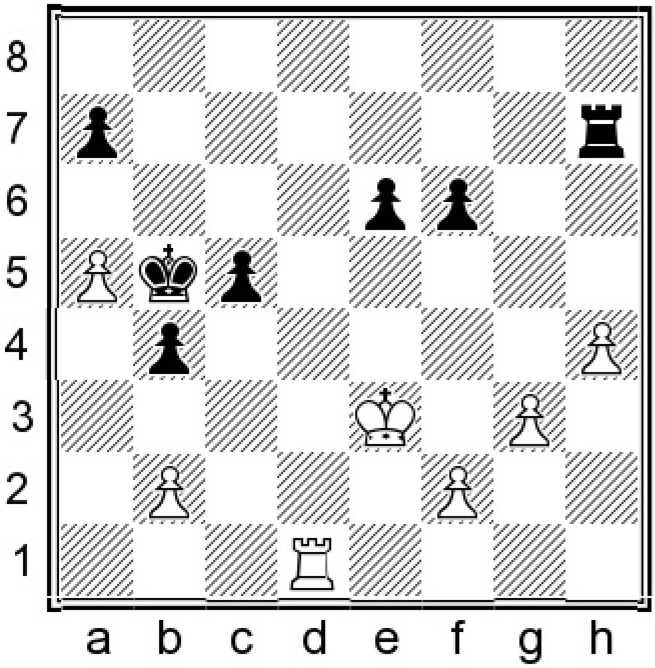
The difference between the text and the previous variation is that the king is on g8 instead on g7 which gives White the opportunity to play 30.♖d8+ winning on the spot.

29.♔a1 ♕g2 30.e6!+-



White found the right time to play this pawn push and managed to win the game in a few more moves.

Kashlinskaya, Alina (2505) - Salimova, Nurgyul (2416)
Chennai (ol), 2022

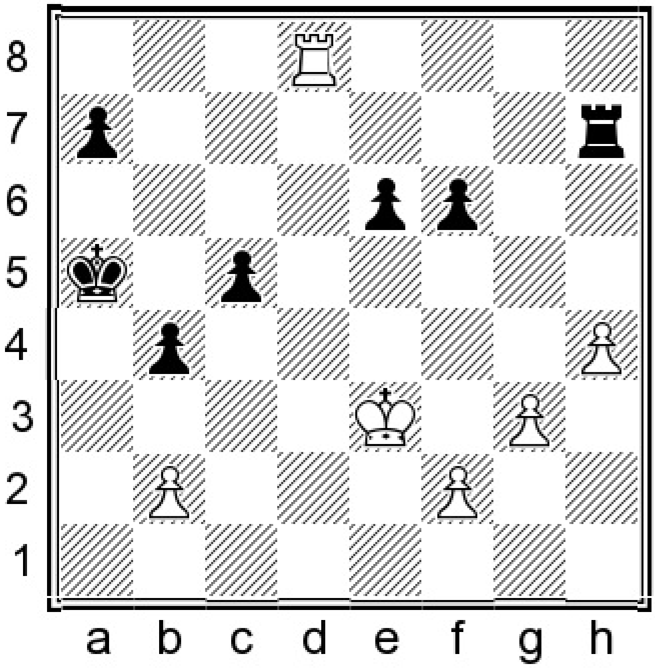


35.♖d8

The position is a very complex one. Both sides have potential passed pawns. In such scenario each and every tempo matters. What should Black do? Should he capture the a5-pawn or focus on other moves?

35...♔a4! There is no time to be greedy and it is more important to capture the b2-pawn rather than the a5-pawn. White does not have any better option than bringing her king near the pawn.

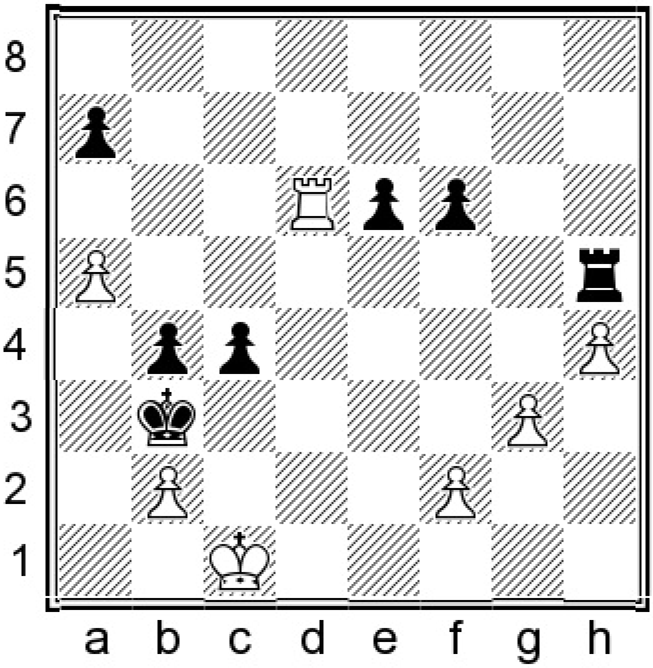
35...♔xa5



This allows White to bring her king closer to the weak pawn by playing 36.♔d3!

36.♔d2 ♔b3 37.♔c1 c4! Looks like an innocent pawn push. However, we will see the idea after the next move.

38.♖d6 ♖h5 Clearing the rank for the rook is the main point behind the previous move!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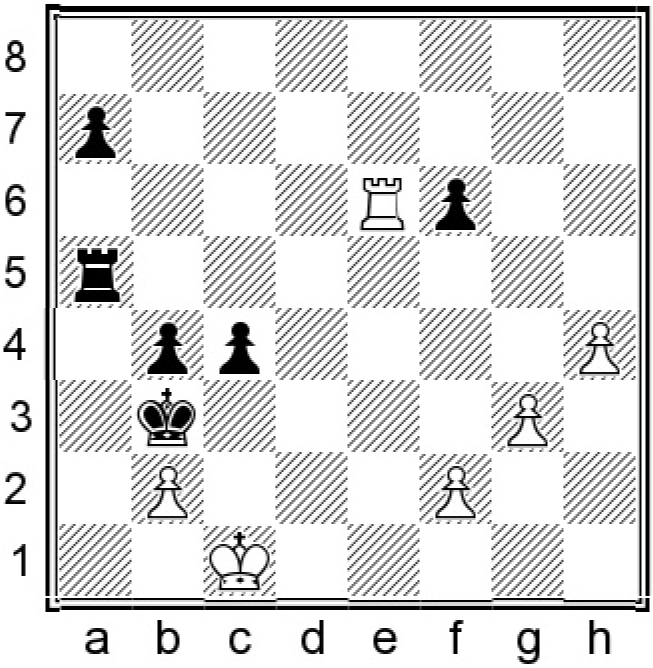
39.♖xe6

39.♖a6 ♖e5-+

39...♖xa5-+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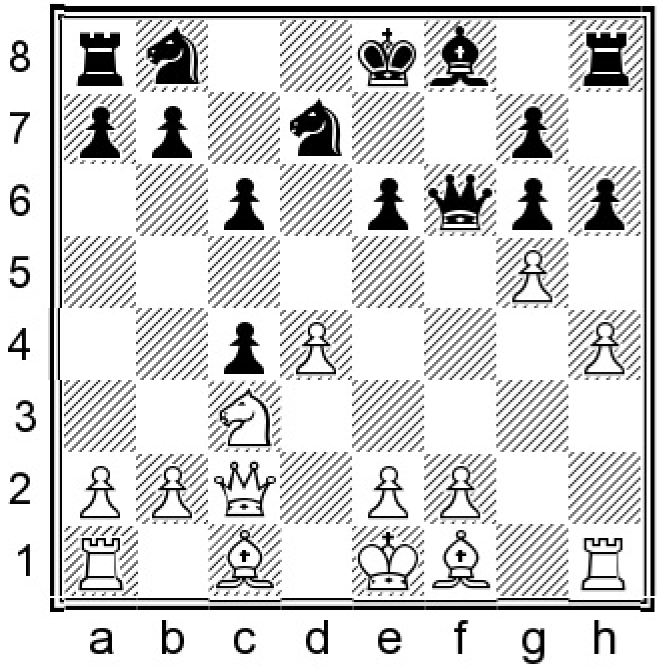
The b2-pawn falls next and then Black's pawns are unstoppable.

Javakhishvili, Lela (2476) - Sargsyan, Anna M (2378)



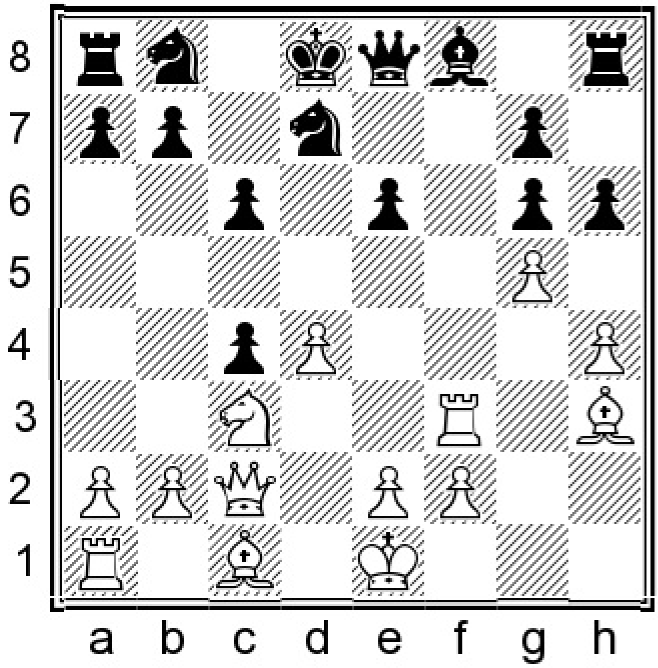
14...♕f7

White has a healthy bishop pair and central control. Black, on the other hand, is a pawn up at the moment. However, he cannot hold on to the extra pawn for long. White has many ways to maintain the initiative, and he proceeded in an creative way to exploit Black's weaknesses. How would you fare here?

15.♖h3! Other moves were also possible. However, I liked the way White played.

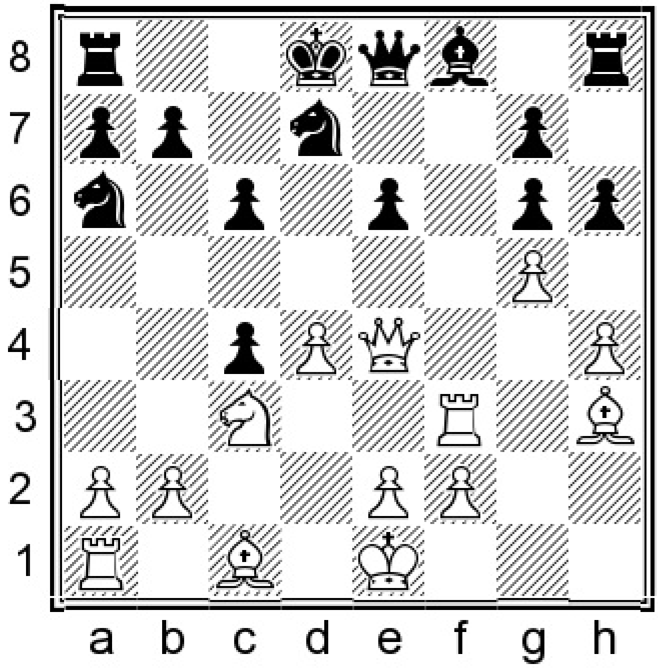
15...♔d8 This is more or less forced.

16.♖f3 ♕e8 17.♗h3



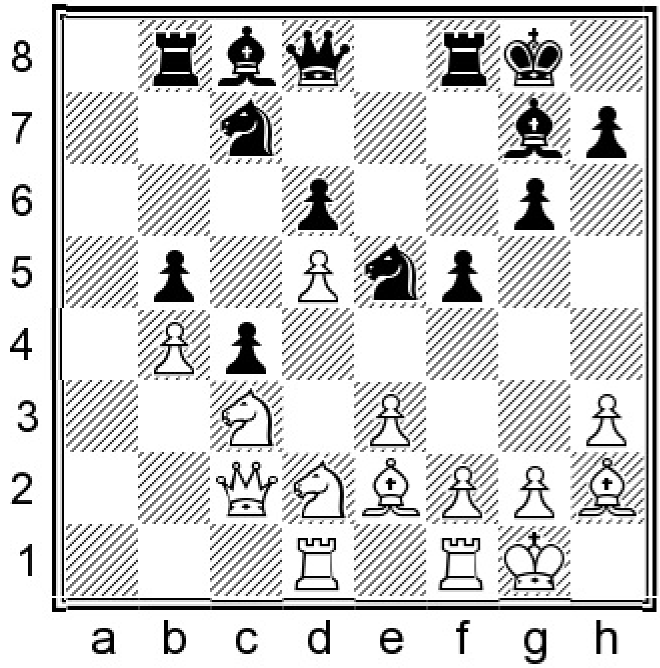
White focuses on the e6- and g6-pawns simultaneously.

17...♘a6 18.♕e4±



Black's pieces are cramped and White went to win the game in a really fine way.

Koneru, Humpy (2586) - Dzagnidze, Nana (2531)
Chennai (ol), 2022

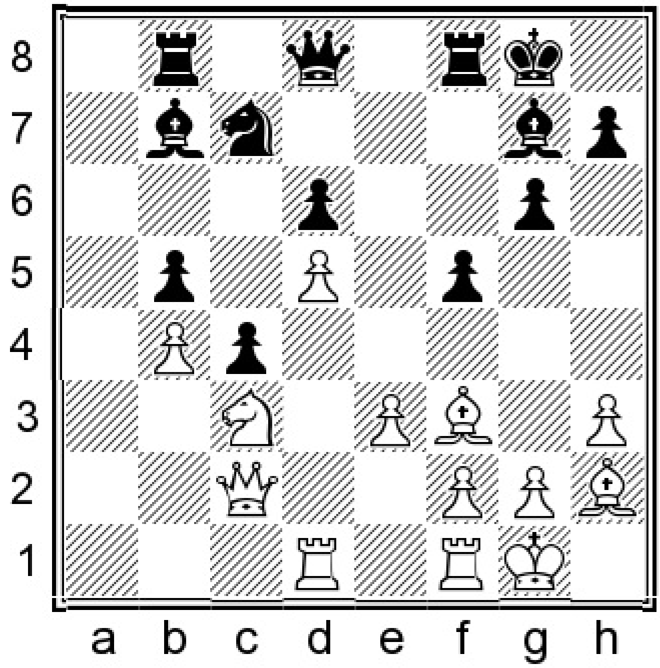


20.♘f3

A standard Benoni structure. The position looks complex and next 2-3 moves are very important for both sides. Should Black exchange the knights or avoid the exchange by moving his knight back to f7?

20...♘f7?! Probably Black had misevaluted the position after the text move.

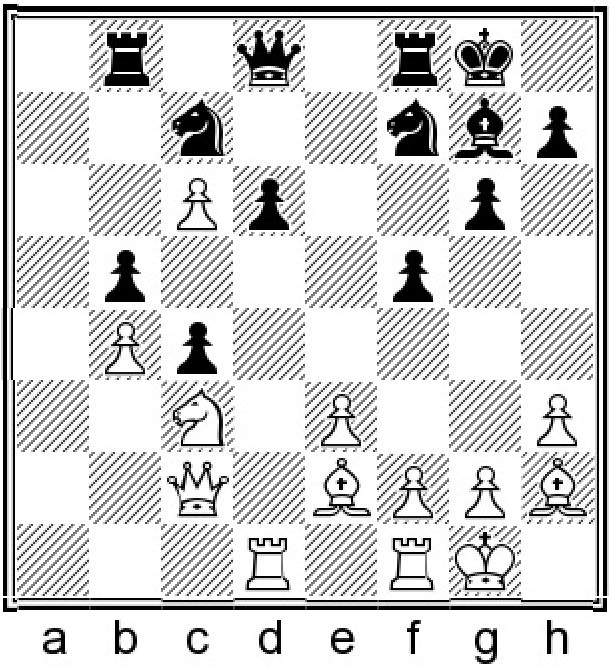
Black should have exchanged the knights and then focused on natural moves. 20...♘xf3+! 21.♗xf3 ♗b7



Keeping an eye on the d5-pawn. Black will next improve his b8-rook by playing Ra8 and gradually improving the position in the process.

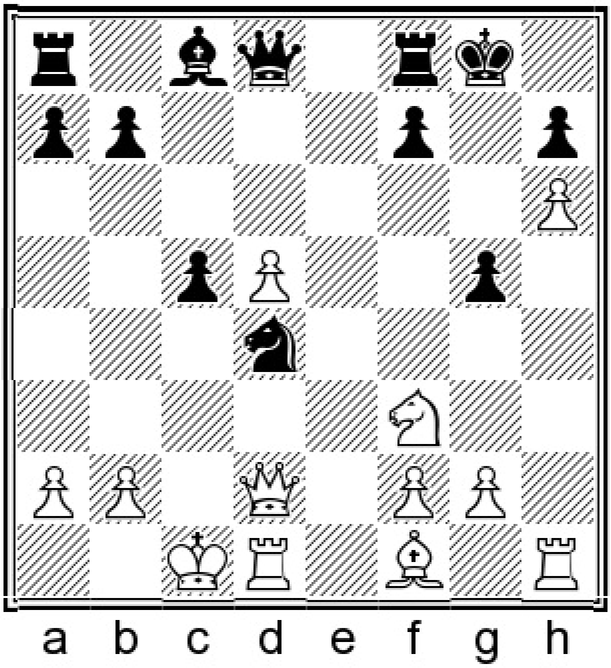
21.♘d4! ♗d7 Black is obliged to play this to control the c6-square.

22.♘c6! ♗xc6 23.dxc6±



The position has changed drastically over the last 2-3 moves and White is on the top now since all of her pieces are contributing something. White's conversion was never in doubt and she managed to win the game in a nice style.

Batsiashvili, Nino (2466) - Muzychuk, Anna (2529)
Chennai (ol), 2022

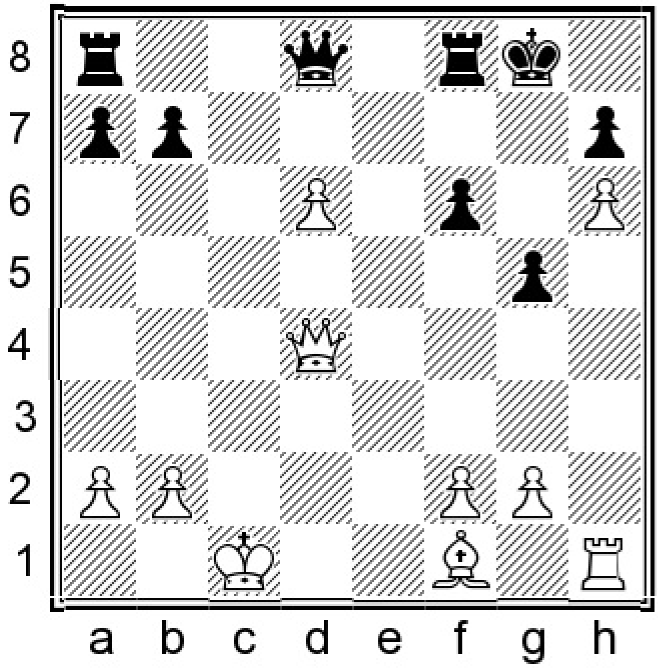


16...♗g4

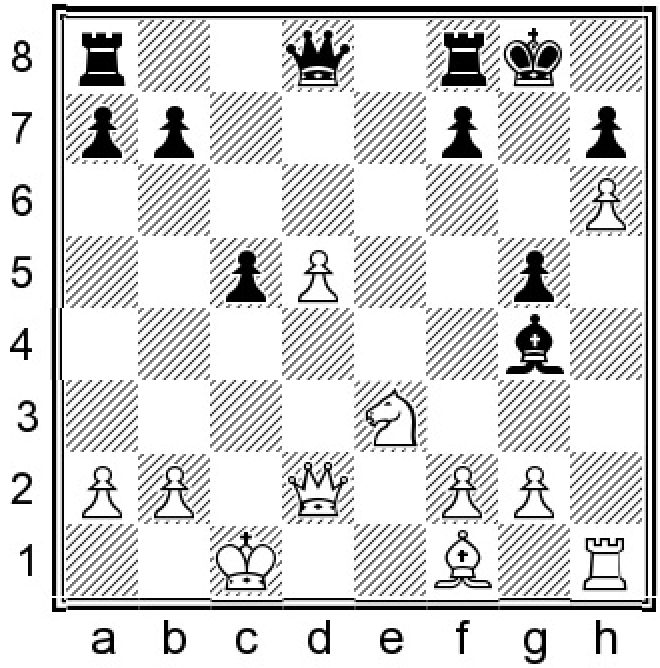
The position on the board is very complicated and once again next 2-3 moves can be crucial for both sides. Should White play Nd4 and focus on long term advantage or play something else?

17.♘xd4! ♗xd1 18.♘f5 White decides to keep the knight alive. However, Black had enough resources to generate counterplay.

18.♕xd1! cxd4 19.♕xd4 f6 20.d6 Since the introduction of *Alpha Zero* pushing the pawn to h6 and playing with material imbalance with a long term compensation have been seen frequently. Here White is clearly on top since her position is easier to play.



18...♗g4 19.♘e3∞



After quite a long battle White eventually came out on top in this double edged position.

Vaishali, Ramesh Babu (2442) - Javakhishvili, Lela (2476)
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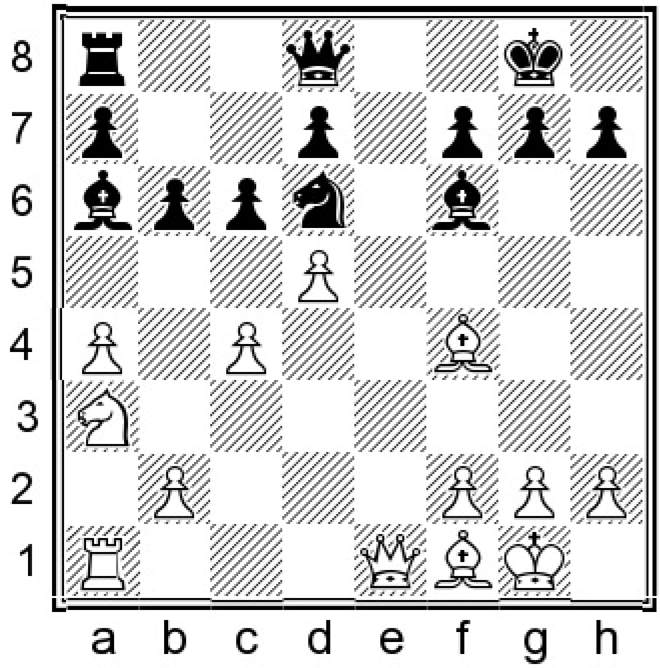
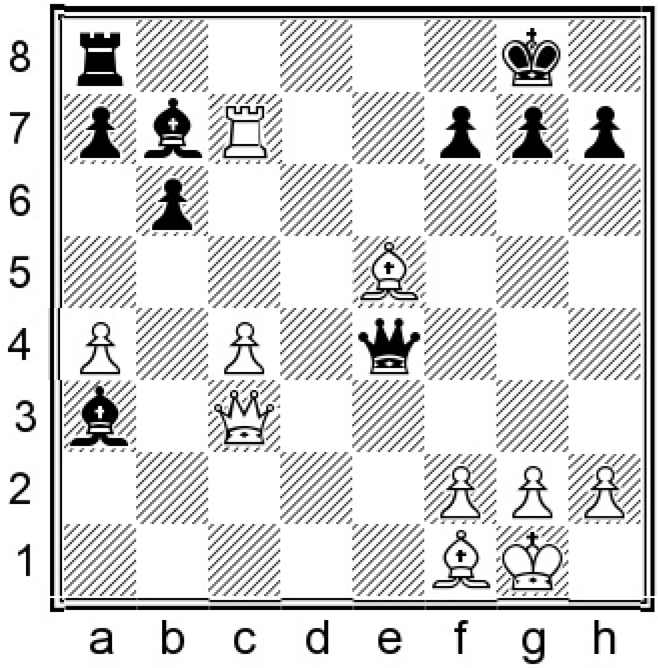


16...♘b7

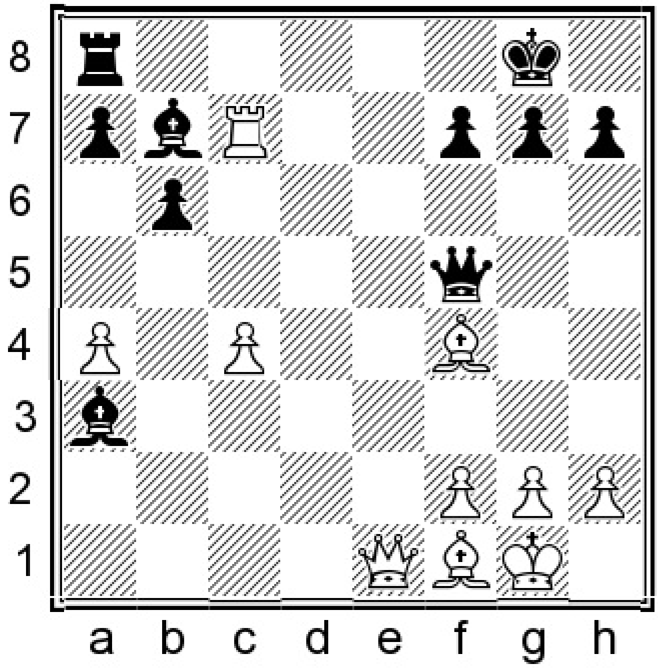
Black's bishop on a6 is neutralised by White's pawns. Black's knight does not have any squares available other than c5/a5 at the moment. Should White play Rd1 and develop activity on the d-file or take advantage of Black's cramped queenside pieces?

17.b4! With some precise calculation it is understandable that White gets two pieces for the rook since the knight is tied down and the light-square bishop has nowhere to go.

17.♖d1 While watching this game live I thought this move to be very natural since it brings the last piece to the game. 17...♗xb2 The best move and now on the play is more or less concrete. 18.dxc6 ♗xa3 19.♖xd7 ♕c8! (19...♕f6 20.cxb7 ♗xb7 21.♗e5 ♕c6 22.♖c7 ♕e4 23.♕c3±



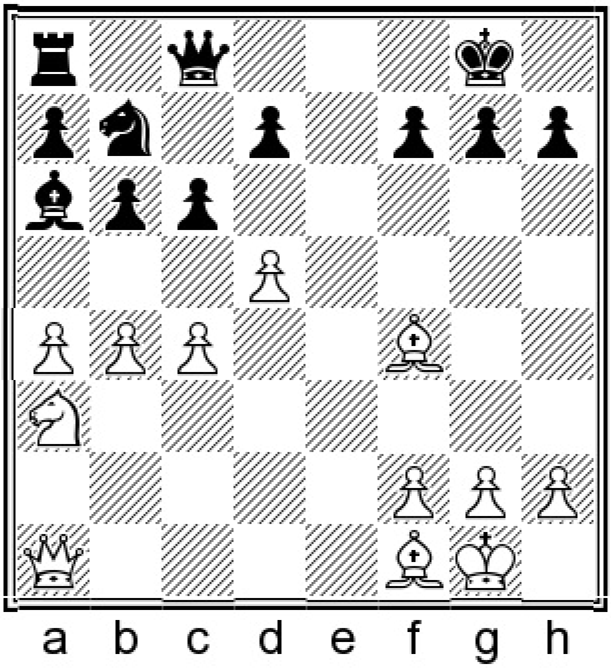
White's pieces are better placed and Black has to be precise to maintain the balance.) 20.cxb7 ♗xb7 21.♖c7 ♕f5



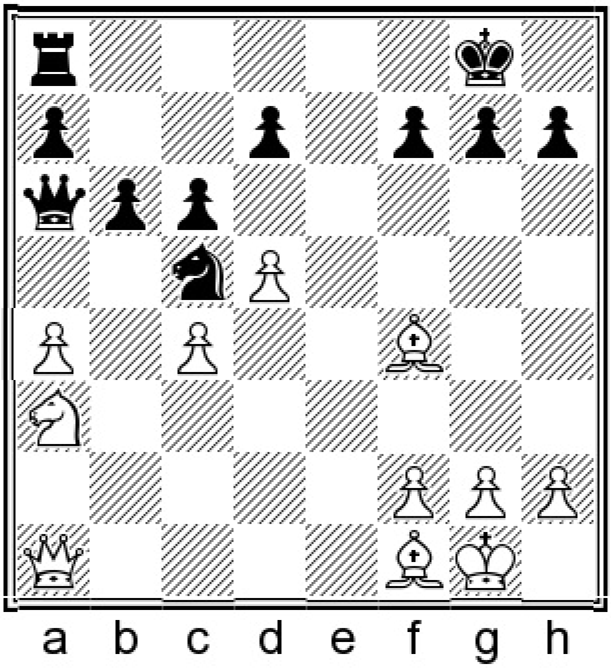
This is much better than the previous line. However, it is White who still holds the initiative.

17...♗xa1 18.♕xa1 ♕e7

18...♕c8! Computer's top choice!

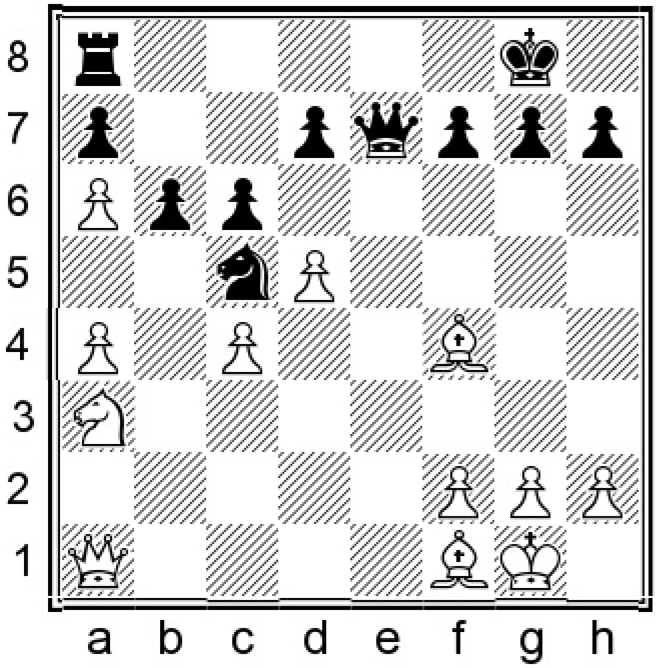


19.♘c2! A truly cold blooded move!! Instead of going for the material the mighty computer wants to delay the material grab and focus on maintaining the initiative. Black does not have any useful move and White plays b5 next anyway. (19.b5 ♘c5 20.bxa6 ♕xa6⩱



The line seems a bit computeristic. Basically, Black wants to capture on a6 with the queen to win the a4-pawn.; 19.♕c3!?)

19.b5 ♘c5 20.bxa6±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White managed to convert the advantage to a full point without much difficulties.

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PRAHA CHESS MASTERS

By GM David Navara & IM Goran Arsović

HARIKRISHNA WINS PRAHA CHESS MASTERS 2022

The fourth edition of the Praha Chess Festival - Masters Section once again offered a dramatic spectacle and the winners were again decided on the last day. Le Quang Liem and Penteala Harikrishna were sharing the first place entering the final round, and they were both facing a Spanish opponent. But while Liem only drew with Vallejo Pons with black, Harikrishna took advantage of his white pieces game with Anton Guijarro to become the individual winner of the Masters group with 6½ points. Nguyen Thai Dai Van from the Czech Republic finished third in this prestigious event.

Here we bring you one fine game by Penteala Harikrishna, the winner of the Tournament, and a highly entertaining battle between David Navara and David Anton Guijarro with the exclusive annotation by the Czech star.

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Time Control: Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

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4	S. SHANKLAND	g	2718	½	0	½	■	½	½	½	1	1	½	5	3–5
5	D. NAVARA	g	2681	½	0	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	1	5	3–5
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7	S. VIDIT	g	2723	0	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	4	7–8
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9	A. R. S. SALEM	g	2679	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	½	■	1	3	9
10	ANTÓN GUIJARRO	g	2692	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	■	2	10

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Navara, David (2681) - Anton Guijarro, David (2692)
Praha, 2022

David Navara

- **Country:** Czech Republic
- **Born:** 1985
- **Rating:** 2681
- **Peak rating:** 2751
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2002

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 c6 4.e4

I mostly play 4.e3 but decided to be brave and enter sharp lines, although my theoretical knowledge was far from perfect.

4...dxe4 5.♘xe4 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 ♕xd4 7.♗xb4 ♕xe4+ 8.♗e2

The other important line 8.♘e2 ♘a6 9.♗f8 ♘e7 10.♗xg7 ♘b4 11.♕d6 ♘d3+ 12.♔d2 ♘f5 13.♕xd3 ♕xd3+ 14.♔xd3 ♘xg7 15.♔c3 c5 (Black should equalize after 15...b6!? 16.g4) 16.g3 occured also in Navara,David 2739 - Flear,Glenn 2439, France 2017 (16.g4!↑)

8...♘a6 9.♗d6 The bishop can retreat to various squares. I only give a few sample lines there, but the position is very complex and has occured many times.

White can provoke b6 through 9.♗a5 b6 10.♕d6 ♗d7 (The complications after 10...bxa5?! 11.♖d1 f6 12.f3! ♕e3 13.♕xc6+ ♔f7 14.♕xa8 ♘e7 15.♕e4± favour White.) 11.♗c3 Black should be able to equalize with a precise defence, but in practice it can be difficult. 11...f6 12.♘f3 ♘h6 13.♖d1 ♖d8 14.♕a3 ♗c8∞

Less good is 9.♗f8?! ♕xg2 10.♕d6! ♗d7 11.♗f3 ♕g6 12.♘e2 e5 13.♖g1 ♕xd6 14.♗xd6 ♘e7 15.♗xe5 f6 16.♗c3 ♔f7 and White still needs to prove his compensation.

9.♗c3 ♘e7 (9...f6!? 10.♘f3 ♘e7 11.O-O O-O 12.♖e1=∞) 10.♘f3 O-O 11.O-O f6=

9...♕xg2 10.♕d2 ♕e4!?N This move came as a surprise to me.

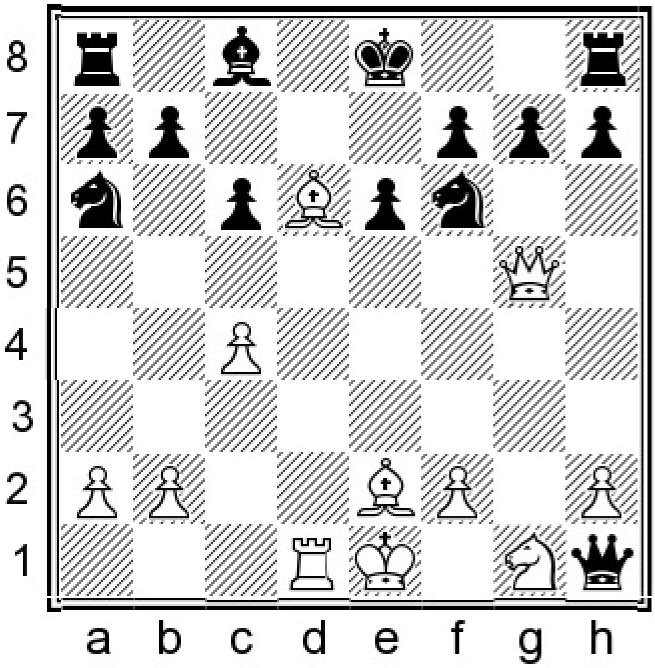
The main line continues with 10...♘f6 11.♗f3 ♕g6 and 12...e5. The position might be objectively equal, but Black needs to play more precisely. A sharp line 12.♘e2 (White can also try 12.O-O-O e5 13.♗xe5 ♗e6 14.♘e2 ♕f5! 15.♗f4↑ with a plenty of theory there.) 12...e5 13.O-O-O ♗g4 14.♗xg4 ♘xg4 15.f3 (15.♗a3 ♕e6 16.♘f4 exf4 17.♖he1 ♘e3! 18.fxe3 f3 19.♖g1!=∞) 15...♘f2 16.♗xe5 ♘xd1 17.♖xd1 ♘c5 leads to a draw if both sides play precisely, but Black needs to be more accurate there. 18.b4 (18.♘f4 ♕g5! 19.♕d6 ♘e6!? (RR19...♕e7?! 20.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 21.♗d6+ ♔f6 22.♗xc5± Gajewski,Grzegorz 2504 - Kempinski,Robert 2567, Polska 2006 - 101/(318)) 20.♕d7+ ♔f8 21.♗b8! ♘xf4 (21...♖xb8 22.♕d6+ ♔e8) 22.♕c8+ ♔e7 23.♕d7+ ♔f8 (23...♔f6 24.♕d4+ ♔g6 25.♗xf4=∞) 24.♕c8+=; 18.♕d4 ♕g5+! 19.♘f4 (After 19.f4 ♕e7 20.♗d6, both 20...♖d8 (and 20...♘e6 maintain a dynamic balance.)) 19...O-O) 18...♕f5 19.♗xg7 ♖g8 20.♗c3 ♘e6 21.♕d7+ ♔f8 22.♕d6+ ♔e8=;

10...e5!? 11.♗xe5 (11.♗f3 ♕g6 12.O-O-O) 11...♗f5 12.♗f3 ♕g6 13.O-O-O ♘c5 14.♕e3 ♗b1 15.♖d2 ♗xa2 16.♗d6+ ♘e6 17.♗e4 ♕h6 18.f4∞

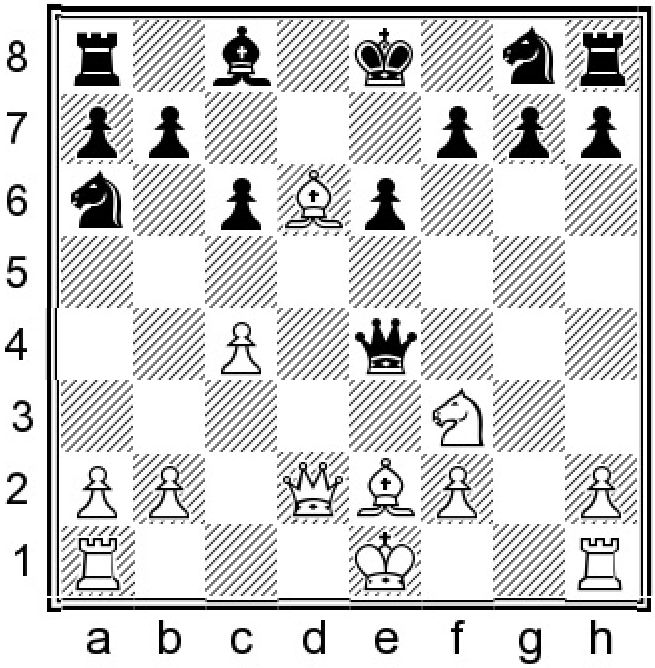
The rook cannot be taken, as 10...♕xh1 11.O-O-O is winning for White due to the threats 12.Ba3, 12.Bf3 and others.

11.♘f3

Black should probably meet 11.♖d1!? with 11...e5! (The rook capture looks very risky, e.g. 11...♕xh1?! 12.♕g5! ♘f6



13.♗e5!! ♘d7 14.♖d4! ♕xg1+ 15.♕xg1 ♘xe5 16.♕g5!? ♘d7 17.♕xg7 ♖f8 18.♗h5→) 12.♗xe5 f6 13.♕d8+ ♔f7 14.♗d6 ♕e8! 15.♕xe8+ ♔xe8 16.b4 ♘h6 17.b5 ♘b8 18.♘f3 ♘f5∞

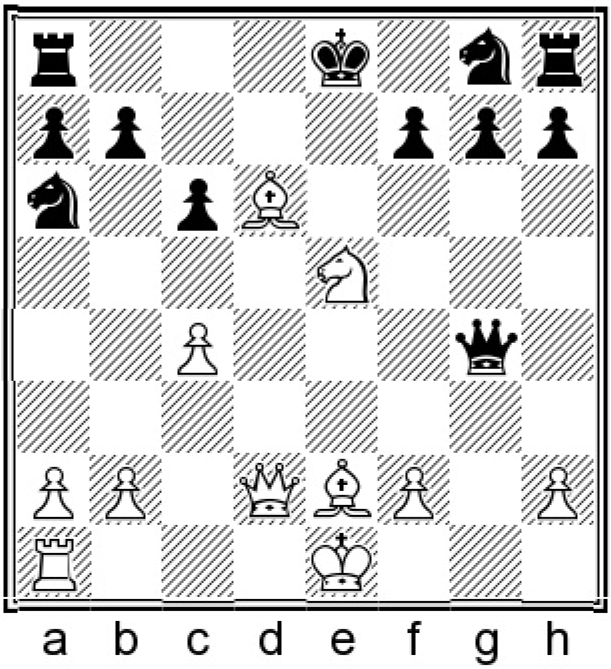


11...e5! 12.♖g1

Another option consisted in 12.♗f8!? ♘e7□ 13.♗xe7 (13.♗xg7!? ♖g8∞ 14.♖d1 ♗e6 15.♗xe5↑) 13...♔xe7 14.♕g5+ ♔e8 15.♕xg7 ♖f8 16.♖g1!↑

12...g6?

Black should have played 12...♗g4! 13.♖xg4 (My original idea was 13.♗xe5?!, but then I spotted 13...f6 Computer still claims the position to be balanced, but White has to sacrifice a lot of material. (13...♗xf3? 14.♗xg7 ♖d8 15.♕e3+-) 14.h3 (14.♖xg4!? ♕xg4 15.O-O-O fxe5 16.♘xe5=∞) 14...♗xf3 15.O-O-O ♘c5 16.♗xf3 ♕xf3 17.♕d6 ♘e7 18.♖xg7 ♘f5 19.♕c7 ♘xg7 20.♗d6! ♕xd1+! 21.♔xd1 ♘d7 22.♕xb7 ♖d8 23.♕xc6=∞) 13...♕xg4 14.♘xe5!



14...♕h4!∞ This position is equal, but Black needs to play very precisely in some lines. (14...♕e6?! 15.c5! ♖d8 16.♗c4 ♕xe5+ 17.♗xe5 ♖xd2 18.♔xd2±) 15.♗g4! (15.O-O-O ♖d8 (15...♘e7) 16.♗f3 ♖xd6! 17.♕xd6 ♕h6+ is safe for Black.) 15...♖d8□ 16.♖d1! (After 16.O-O-O?! ♕h6! 17.♗d7+ ♖xd7 18.♘xd7 ♕xd2+ 19.♖xd2 ♘e7 White needs to care about maintaining equality.) 16...♘e7 (16...♘f6!? 17.♕e2 ♖xd6 18.♘xc6+ ♘e4! 19.♕xe4+?? ♖e6! 20.♖d8+ ♕xd8 21.♗xe6 bxc6-+) 17.♗xe7! ♔xe7! 18.♕e3! ♔f8! (18...♖xd1+? 19.♔xd1+-) 19.♖d7!? ♖e8! 20.♖xf7+ (20.♕f4 f6 21.♗e6! ♕xf4 22.♖f7+ ♔g8 23.♖e7+ ♔f8=) 20...♔g8 21.♖xb7=∞ ♘c5 22.♕xc5 ♕xg4 23.♕e7! ♕e4+! 24.♔f1 ♕h1+ 25.♔e2 ♕e4+= 26.♔d2? ♕f4+ 27.♔c3 ♖xe7 28.♖b8+ ♕f8-+

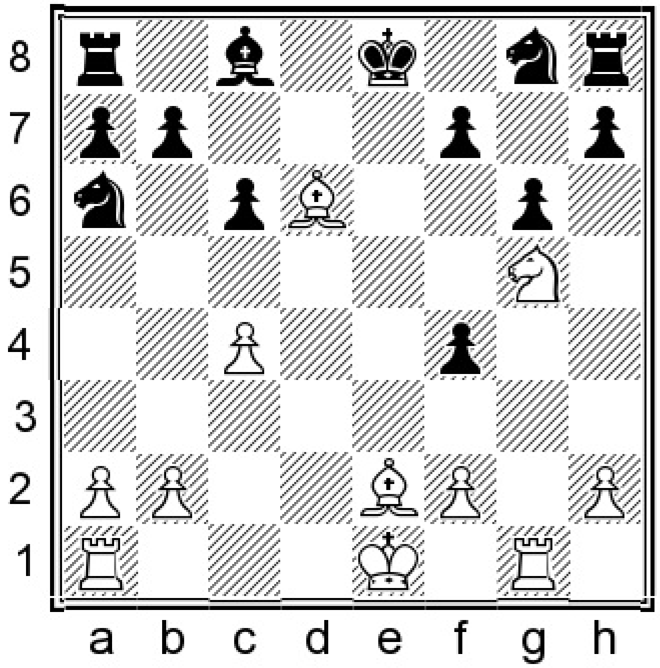
13.♘g5?! This move maintains an edge, but a simple capture on e5 was even better.

13.♗xe5 f6 14.♗c3 ♗g4 15.♖xg4 ♕xg4 16.O-O-O± gives White a very strong attack.

13...♕f4

White's huge lead in development would tell even after 13...♕d4 14.♕xd4 exd4 15.O-O-O±, although I doubt that I would choose the strongest continuation 15...f6 16.c5 fxg5 17.♖de1! with the threats 18. Ba6 and 18.Be5. Black will have to give the extra material back.

14.♕xf4 exf4



15.♗xf4?

I rejected 15.O-O-O!, as I was not sure about 15...h6 (David Anton pointed out that 15...f6? would lose directly to 16.c5! fxg5 17.♗c4! with 18.Rge1 to follow.) 16.♘e4 ♗f5 17.♗e5 ♗xe4 18.♗xh8 ♘c5 19.♖ge1 ♘e7 20.♗e5 Black could stand well if he were able to consolidate, but he lacks time and his minor pieces are very loose. He has nothing better than 20...♘e6 21.♗g4 ♗f5 22.♗xf5 ♘xf5 23.♗xf4± with a technically lost position.

15...♗f5 16.♖g3

It might have been better to start with 16.O-O-O↑, but I underestimated the counterplay connected with Nb4.

16...h6?

Black could have equalized after 16...♘e7 17.♖e3 ♘b4! 18.♖c1 ♖d8, e.g. 19.♗e5 (19.a3 ♘d3+ 20.♗xd3 ♖xd3 21.♖xd3 ♗xd3 22.♖c3 ♗f5 23.♗e5 O-O!=) 19...O-O 20.♗f6 ♘xa2! and the knight can return to b4 with a tempo if white plays 21.♖a1

17.♖e3+ ♔f8 18.♗d6+? This move loses time, as it only forces Black to play a useful move.

Even 18.♗e5 ♘b4 19.O-O-O! ♘xa2+ 20.♔d2 f6 21.♗d6+ ♔g7 22.♘f3 ♖d8 23.c5± is advantageous for White, but there was no need for such adventures.

18.♘f3! was simple and good. Black would suffer from a poor piece coordination after 18...♖d8 19.♖d1! ♖xd1+ 20.♔xd1±

18...♔g7 19.♘f3 ♘f6

Black could also play 19...♖d8!? 20.♖d1 ♘f6 21.♘d4 ♗c8 22.♗e5 ♖he8=

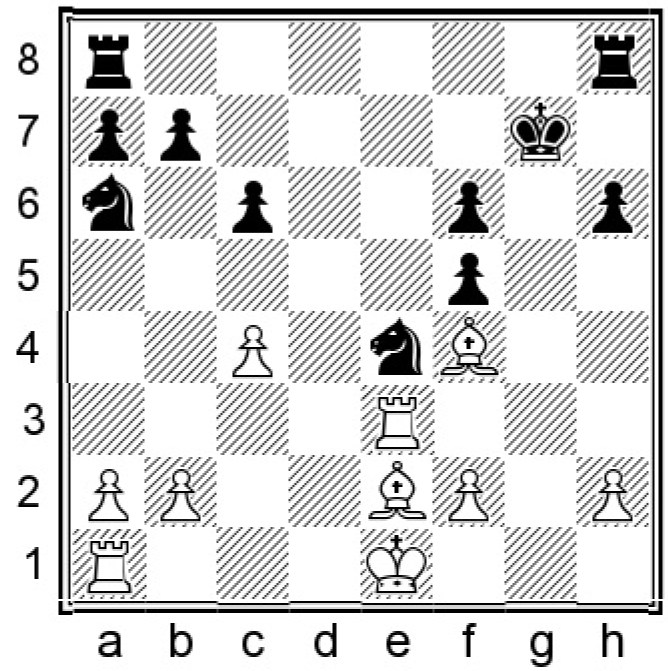
20.♘d4

Black can unpin his knight after 20.♗e5 ♖ae8! (20...♘b4?! 21.♘d4 ♘c2+ 22.♘xc2 ♗xc2 23.♖c1 ♗f5 24.♖d1 ♖hd8?! 25.h4! ♖xd1+ 26.♗xd1± would leave Black's knight very unpleasantly pinned.) 21.♘d4 (21.♖d1 ♘c5) 21...♗c8 22.♖d1 ♘c5=

20...♘e4 21.♘xf5+?!

21.♗e5+! f6 22.♗f4! ♖he8 23.♘xf5+ gxf5=

21...gxf5 22.♗e5+ f6 23.♗f4



23...♖ad8!∓ 24.f3?!

White should be able to equalize after 24.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 25.♗xd1 ♖d8 26.♗e2 ♘b4 27.♔f1 ♘xa2 28.♖a3 ♘b4 29.♖xa7⇄

24...♘g5?!

Black could prevent White's activity with 24...♘ec5!∓

25.♖e7+

25.♖d1⯹

25...♔g6 26.h4 This is tempting but risky.

White should have preferred 26.♖d1, although Black keeps a slight edge after 26...♖he8! 27.♖xd8 ♖xe7

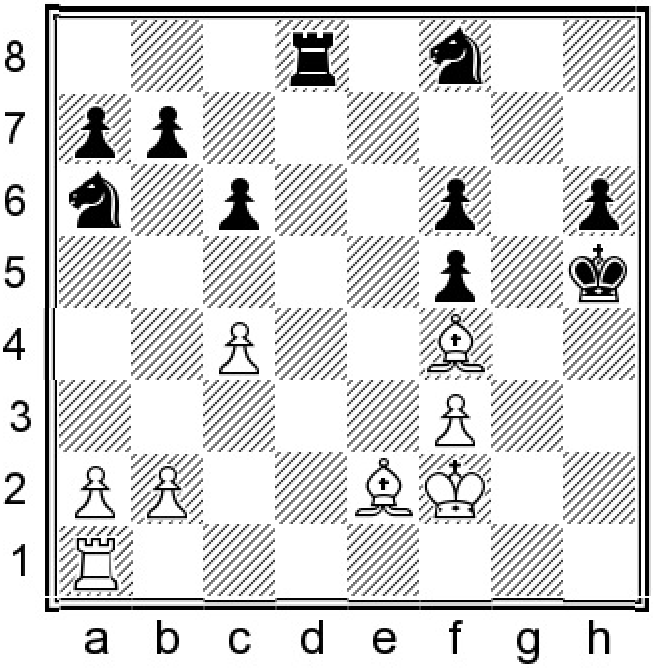
26...♖h7?

A wild line 26...♘b4!? 27.♔f1 ♘h3 28.♗h2 ♖he8 29.♖xe8 ♖xe8 30.♖c1!∞ looks very scary for both sides.

After 26...♘h3! White should play 27.♗e3! (27.♗d2? ♖he8 28.♖xe8 ♖xe8 29.♔f1 ♘c5 30.♖e1 ♔h5 31.f4+? ♔xh4-+) 27...♘b4 28.♖c1 and fight for equality. A nice hidden point consists in 28...♘xa2?! 29.f4! h5 (29...♘xc1?? 30.h5#) 30.♖d1 ♘b4 31.♖c1=

27.♖xh7 ♘xh7 28.♔f2 ♘f8 29.♖g1+

I was tempted to play 29.h5+?! ♔xh5



30.♗e3∓ (30.♖g1?! ♘e6 31.♗e5, threatening 32.f4 with a mate on h1; but luckily found (31.♗c7 ♖d2! 32.♗a5 ♖xb2! 33.f4+ ♖xe2+ 34.♔xe2 ♘xf4+∓) 31...♘g5! (31...fxe5?? 32.f4+) 32.f4+ ♔g6 33.♗c3 ♘c5!, when White is struggling after 34.fxg5 ♘e4+ 35.♔e3 fxg5∓ The connected passed pawns are very strong.)

29...♔h7 30.♗e3

30.h5=∞

30...♘e6?!

30...b6=

31.♗xa7 ♘b4

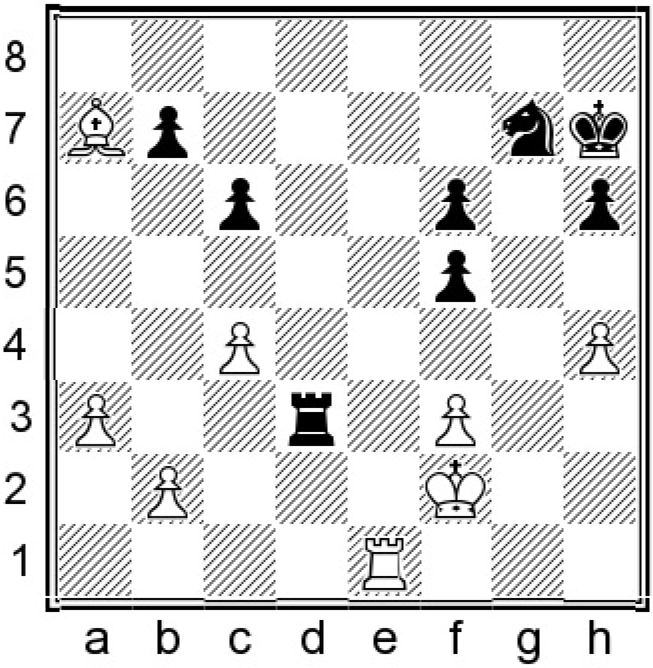
The original idea 31...♖d2? fails to 32.♔e3! ♖xb2 33.♗d3±;

31...♘ac5!?± 32.♖d1 ♖a8! 33.♗xc5 ♘xc5

32.a3 ♘d3+ 33.♗xd3 ♖xd3 34.♖e1 ♘g7?!

34...♖d6! 35.h5!? (Black should hold without many problems after 35.♗b8 ♖d2+ 36.♖e2 ♖xe2+

37.♔xe2 ♔g6 38.b4 b5!) 35...♖d2+ 36.♖e2 ♖xe2+ 37.♔xe2 ♘f4+ 38.♔e3 ♘xh5 39.a4!± Black's knight is not the best piece to deal with a potentially dangerous a-pawn, but the endgame should be tenable. Black should bring his king to the queenside, being ready to use the knight and the h-pawn for creating counterplay. 39...♔g6 40.a5 ♔f7! 41.♔d4 ♘f4 42.♔c5 h5! 43.♔b6 ♘e2 44.♔xb7 h4 45.a6 h3 46.♗c5 h2 47.a7 h1=♕ 48.a8=♕ ♕xf3 49.♕f8+ ♔g6 50.♕e8+ ♔g5 51.b4!± A fascinating line, which has no connection with the game. We were both short of time and happy to find reasonable moves. There was no time for precision.



35.♖e7?⊕ Being in a time trouble, I wanted to gain time through a move repetition. But this move drops away the advantage.

35.♔e2! ♖d7 (The rook would end up out of play after 35...♖b3?! 36.♗d4 ♘e6?! 37.♗c3+-) 36.♖d1! ♖e7+ 37.♔f2±

35...♖d2+ 36.♖e2 ♖d1?!

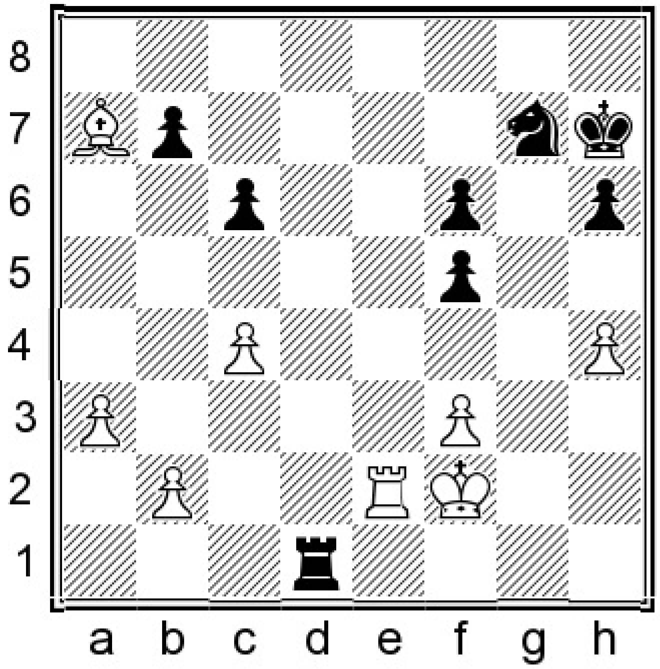
After 36...♖d3!= White can no longer play Ke2.

37.♖e7?!

37.b4!

37...♖d2+ 38.♖e2 ♖d1?!

38...♖d3!=



39.b4! ♔g6

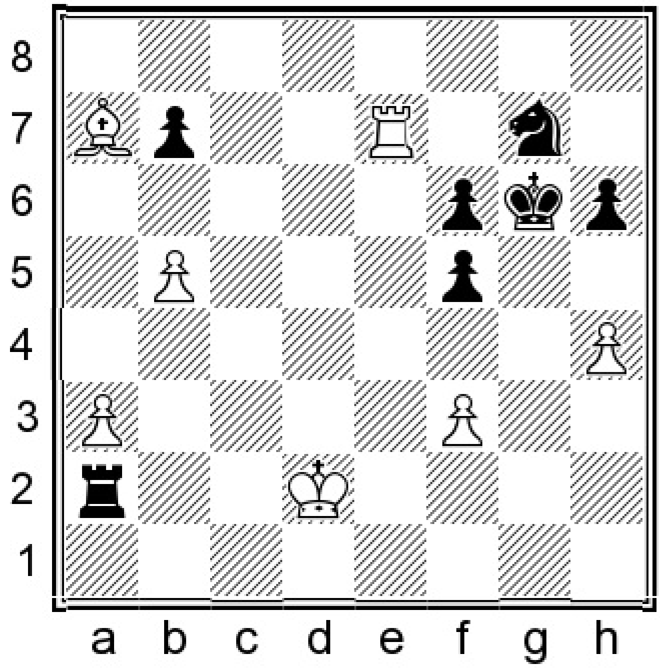
Stronger was 39...b5! 40.♖e7 ♖c1!?, when Black holds, e.g. 41.cxb5 cxb5 42.♖b7 ♖a1 43.♗d4 ♖a2+! 44.♔e1 ♔g6 45.♖xb5 ♖xa3 46.♖b6 ♘e8±

40.♖e7 ♖d2+ 41.♔e1 ♖a2?!

Even the better continuation 41...♖d3! 42.a4! ♖xf3 43.a5 ♖a3 44.♖xb7 f4 45.♖c7!± seems to be winning for White in case of a perfect play, which is a fiction in such complex positions. In reality, Black has decent practical chances after 45...♘f5 46.♖xc6 ♘xh4± White should now march with his king to b2, which is not the most natural idea.

42.♖xb7? This move releases Black's knight.

Stronger was 42.b5! cxb5 43.cxb5 ♖xa3 (I disliked 43...♖a1+!?, but White somehow wins after 44.♔d2 ♖a2+



45.♔d1!! ♖xa3 46.b6! ♖xf3 47.h5+! ♘xh5 48.♖xb7 ♘f4! 49.♖c7!+- and Black will have to give a rook for the pawn to prevent its promotion. If White had played 45.Kc1?, Black could transfer his knight through d3 to a6 and the possibly play Rb3, saving the game.) 44.b6! ♖xf3 45.h5+! ♘xh5 46.♖xb7 ♘g3 47.♖c7!+-

42...♖xa3 43.b5 cxb5 44.cxb5 f4?

Black should be able to hold after 44...♘e6! 45.♖e7 ♔h5!? (David Anton considered 45...♘f4 David Anton considered 46.b6 ♘d5 47.♖d7 ♘xb6 48.♗xb6 ♖xf3 but was not sure about the evaluation. Black should be able to hold. 49.♔e2 (49.♖d4 ♔h5! (49...f4? 50.♖d5!±) 50.♗d8 f4 51.♗xf6 ♔g4⯹) 49...♖a3± White is obviously pushing, but cannot win Black's pawns without losing his last one.) 46.♔d2± (46.b6 ♘d8! 47.b7 ♘c6 48.♗f2 ♖b3 49.♖e6 ♘d8 50.♖xf6 ♘xb7 51.♖xf5+ ♔g6=)

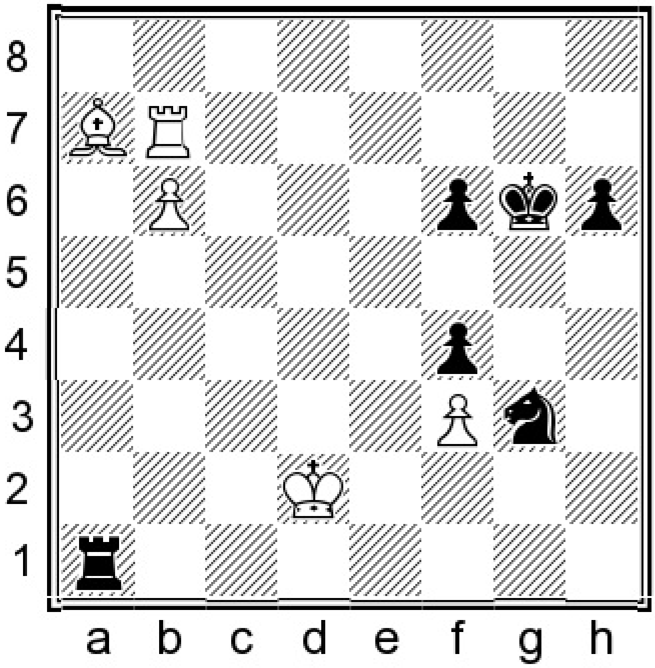
45.h5+!? I decided to sacrifice a pawn to lure the knight away from my passed pawn. Black will have to give a rook for the b-pawn. He has time to take on f3, but it is not enough to save the game, as Black's passed pawns can easily be stopped.

Even 45.b6 wins easily, as the most natural defence 45...♘e6 46.♖d7 ♘c5?! loses to 47.h5+! ♔xh5 48.♖d5+

45...♘xh5 46.b6+- ♖a1+

46...♖e3+ 47.♔d2+- (The following line shows why is it necessary to stay alert until the end of the game: 47.♔f2? ♘g3 48.♖c7 ♖e2+ 49.♔g1 ♖e1+ 50.♔g2 ♖e2+= 51.♔h3? ♘f1 52.b7 ♖h2+ 53.♔g4 h5+ 54.♔xf4 ♖h4#)

47.♔d2 ♘g3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48.♖c7! The rook cannot be attacked on this square.

48...♘f1+ 49.♔d3 ♘e3 50.b7 1-0

David Antón Guijarro vs David Navara, Praha 2022; Photo by Vladimír Jagr

E48
Harikrishna, Penteala (2701) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2723)
Praha, 2022

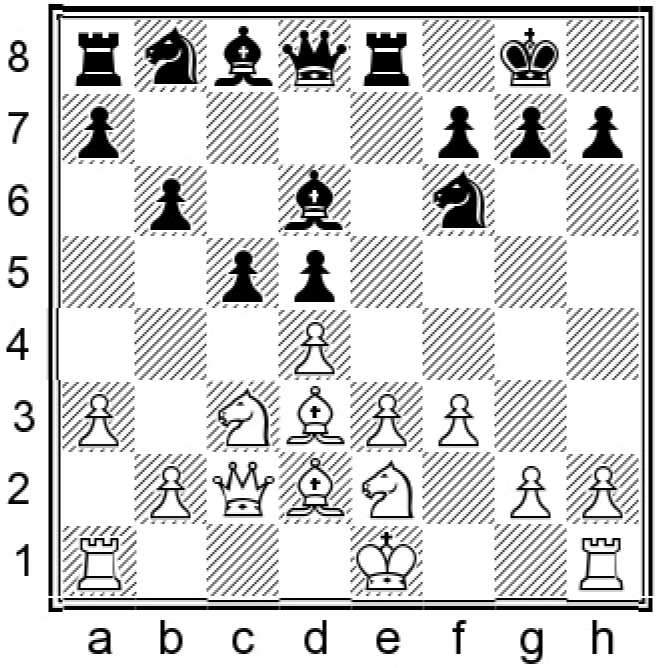
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.a3 ♗d6 8.♕c2 c6 9.♘ge2 ♖e8 10.♗d2 b6 11.f3

11.O-O Aronian,Levon 2772 - Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi 2727, Berlin 2022 - 151/183

11...c5

Goran Arsović

- **Country:** Serbia
- **Born:** 1967
- **Rating:** 2362
- **Peak rating:** 2504
- **Title:** International Master since 1994



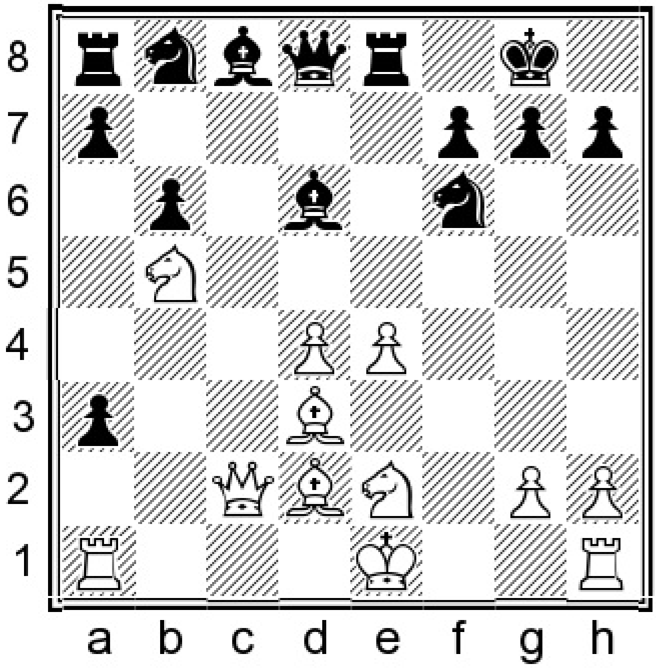
12.b4!?N Novelty! An interesting move that leads to a highly complicated and unclear position, difficult to handle for both sides.

Most common is 12.g4 c4 13.♗f5 ♗xf5 14.♕xf5 g6 15.♕g5 ♘c6 With no danger for Black 16.h4 (16.O-O ♗f8 17.♕h4 h6 18.♖ad1 b5 19.♕f2 (Pawn capture does not promise much: 19.♘xb5?! ♖b8 20.♘bc3 ♖xb2∓) 19...♕d7 20.♕g2 ♗g7 21.h4 ♘e7 22.♘f4 a5 23.♘ce2 ♖eb8!? (23...♕b7 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5 ♘d7 26.♔f2 b4 27.♖h1∞ Firouzja, Alireza 2804 - Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2753, Bucuresti 2022) 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5 ♘e8 26.♔f2 b4∓ and Black has a decent initiative on the queenside.) 16...♔g7!? (16...♗f8 17.h5 h6 (A bit weaker is 17...b5?! 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.♔f1 b4 20.axb4 ♘xb4 21.♘f4± with a much better position for White, as in Petrov,Nikita 2558 - Anuj,Shrivatri 2383, Paracin 2022) 18.♕h4 g5 19.♕h3 ♕d7∞) 17.h5 h6 18.♕h4 g5 19.♕f2 ♕d7∓

12...cxb4 13.♘b5 bxa3 14.e4 Obviously, Harikrishna counted on this move when he went for 12.b4. White claims the centre, but the pawn sacrifice still needs to be justified.

White does not achieve anything after 14.♘xd6 ♕xd6 15.♕a4 a5 16.♕xa3 ♕xa3 17.♖xa3 with a slight edge for Black after 17...♗a6∓

14...dxe4 15.fxe4



15...♗a6! Apparently, Black found the way to generate some counterplay, hoping to obtain sufficient compensation after a piece sacrifice.

16.e5 ♗xe5 17.dxe5 ♖xe5 18.♗c3 ♘c6?!

Surely better is 18...♗xb5 19.♗xe5 ♕xd3 20.♕xd3 ♗xd3 21.♖xa3 ♗c4 22.♗xf6 gxf6∞ with unclear position.

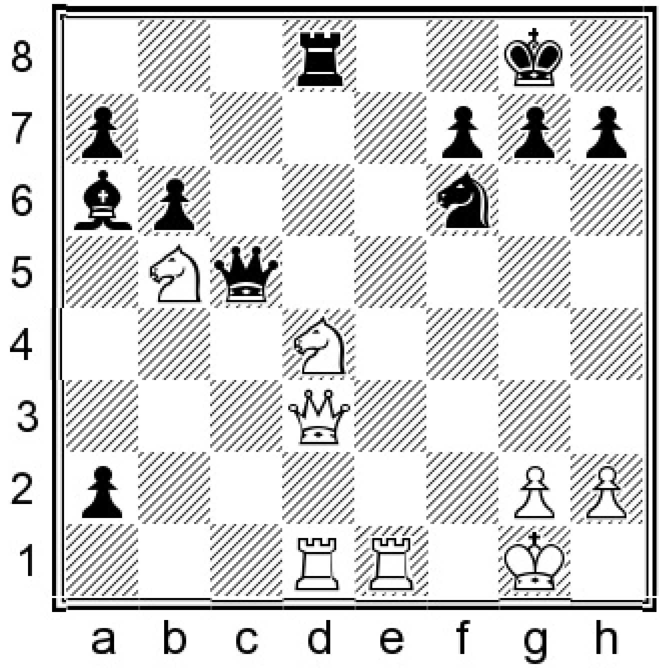
19.♖d1 ♕e7 20.♗xe5 ♘xe5 21.O-O ♘xd3

Black will suffer in case of 21...a2 22.♘ed4 (Or 22.♕c7 ♘fd7 23.♘ed4± with a clear advantage for White.) 22...♘xd3 23.♖xd3±

22.♕xd3 ♕c5+ 23.♘ed4 ♖d8

23...a2 24.♕f5 ♖d8 25.♖c1 ♕xf5 26.♖xf5 ♗b7 27.♘b3 ♗d5 28.♘a1+- and White is totally winning.

24.♖fe1 a2



25.♕c3! The key move! It is extremely hard to suggest any plan for Black, as his position is completely hopeless.

25...h6 26.♕xc5 bxc5 27.♘c7 ♗c4

27...cxd4 28.♘xa6 d3 29.♖a1 d2 30.♖ed1+-

28.♘c6!+- ♖xd1 29.♖xd1 ♗d3

29...♘e4 30.♘a5 ♗d3 31.♖a1! ♗b1 32.♘d5 f5 33.♘b3+-

30.♖a1 ♗b1 31.♔f2 ♘g4+ 32.♔e2 ♘xh2 33.♘e5 f6 34.♘c4 ♗e4 35.♘e3 f5 36.♖xa2 g5 37.♘cd5 ♔f7 38.♘c3 1-0

A truly remarkable victory for Harikrishna, which secured him the first prize at the Praha Chess Masters 2022.

PENTALA HARIKRISHNA
2701
VIDIT GUJRATHI
2723

Pentala Harikrishna vs Santosh Gujrathi Vidit, Praha 2022; Photo by Vladimír Jagr

DANNY'S CHESS DIARY

By GM Daniel Gormally

CHESSABLE BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tournament Report

Daniel Gormally

- **Country:** England
- **Born:** 1976
- **Rating:** 2466
- **Peak rating:** 2573
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2005

How do you prepare for the British championships, your own national championships?

I decided to go down to Torquay early. Bored of sitting around in Alnwick in Northumberland, on the Tuesday before the tournament began, I got a lift to the train station and purchased a ticket all the way down to the Devon Coast.

GBP 251, was the price of the ticket and that was only because the kind fellow at the ticket office worked out a way to split the fares. Get a return to Derby and another return from Derby to Torquay, because that way you avoid being charged full fare for leaving on a train at peak times. A full fare cost GBP 550 by the way, a ludicrous amount if I can say so.

It is easy to conclude that it will soon become too expensive to even travel by train. One of the reasons I wanted to go down early is because I wished to knock the rust off and that meant playing in the rapidplay, which was on the Wednesday (the main tournament wasn't due to start till the Saturday.) I got off to a bad start in round one when I lost to an 1800 rated junior when my phone switched itself on during the game.

I have one of these funny phones where the battery isn't very good but it is sensitive enough that it will turn itself on to warn you the battery is about to go. I noticed out of the corner of my eye that it had done so just before it turned itself off again, called it on myself and resigned the game. My much younger opponent hadn't noticed and wouldn't have claimed the game even if he did, as he was happy to get some experience against a Grandmaster.

Ironically enough the same thing happened to the second seed in the tournament, Keith Arkell, in a later round. However this was much louder and noticed by everyone. What was then strange was after Keith resigned the game, his opponent suggested that they play it out anyway.

This brought about some confusion- was this still part of the tournament? I think Keith should have walked away by this point, or the arbiter should have been much firmer and insisted they vacate the board. In any case this "phantom" game was won by Keith, at which point he was rather disappointed to be informed by his opponent that it didn't count towards the tournament anyway, as he still wanted to claim the win.

In any case what eventually happened is that both myself and Keith ended up tieing for first with three others with 5½/7.

On to the main event

With a start of 3/3 you don't normally expect to be leading the tournament outright but that's what happened.

In round four I faced Brandon Clarke.

I didn't normally bother with breakfast in the hotel, probably because it wasn't especially good. It wasn't terrible, but given that after breakfast I would end up going for lunch anyway, two meals seemed too much.

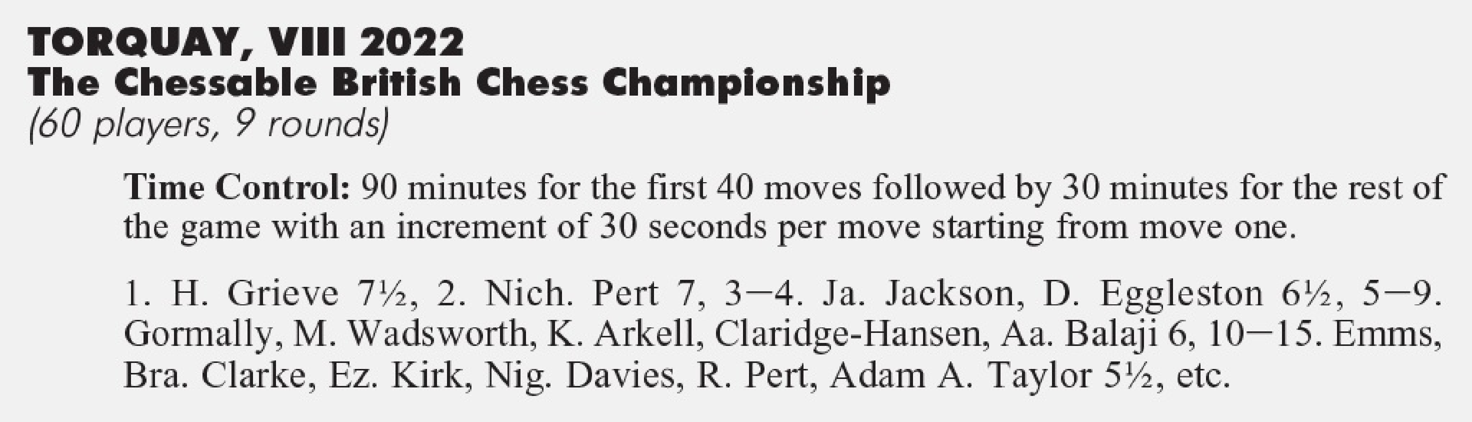
So I would get up around 8.a.m, prepare for a few hours and when the cleaner came around at around 11:30, I would leave the room for good and go out and get some lunch. I'd then have oceans of time and not much to do other than wander aimlessly around, before the games were due to begin at 2:30 p.m.

I'd wander up to Corbyn head and sit on the bench. But that particular day I sat by the duckpond near the venue, and just stared into the pond for what seemed like hours.

I was so nervous. Across the road in the distance I could see the train station. I half thought of leaving this place, and getting the train all the way home.

Except I couldn't do that, because that would mean handing back the conditions.

Looking back, in that one moment I could have won and lost the British championships. If I had truly believed in myself, then I might have gone on to win it.

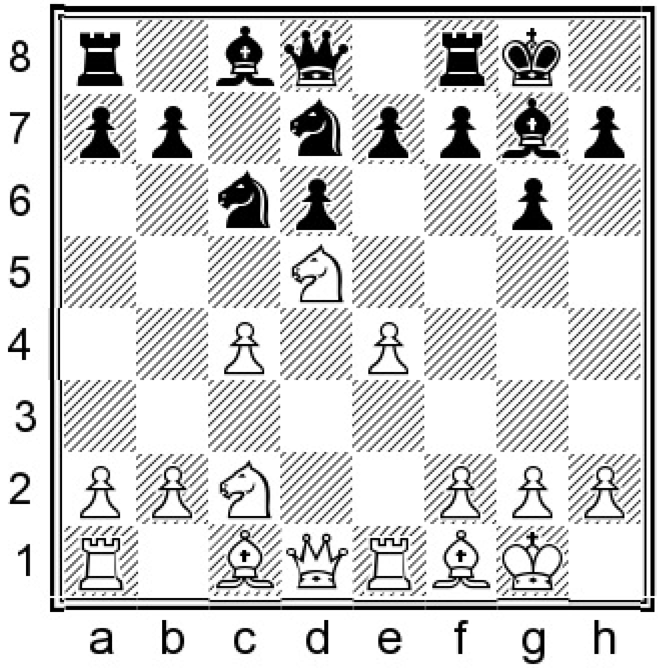


TORQUAY, VIII 2022
The Chessable British Chess Championship
(60 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. H. Grieve 7½, 2. Nich. Pert 7, 3–4. Ja. Jackson, D. Eggleston 6½, 5–9. Gormally, M. Wadsworth, K. Arkell, Claridge-Hansen, Aa. Balaji 6, 10–15. Emms, Bra. Clarke, Ez. Kirk, Nig. Davies, R. Pert, Adam A. Taylor 5½, etc.

Clarke, Brandon (2474) - Gormally, Daniel (2466)
Great Britain (ch), 2022



1...♘b6?! Hoping he retreats in which case I'll probably go back to d7 and make some kind of silent draw offer. Pathetic Gormally. Is this really dubious or just an outright mistake? I've always mistrusted the ?! and felt it to be dubious. Even a move is a mistake or not. In any case it shows a lack of self belief.

1...♘c5 was what I originally intended and this position isn't as bad as I thought. One point is that Black can often just play around the knight on d5 by playing ...e5, with the intention of playing ...Ne6-d4. 2.♖b1 e5 (2...a5 is the most logical, just supporting the knight. Black can even play ...f5 next, freeing the position.) 3.b4 ♘e6 4.♗b2 I think in my calculations I only looked at variations where Black immediately plays a knight to d4, however there is no rush to do so. 4...b6± looks playable for Black. If White plays b5, then he'll concede the c5-square.

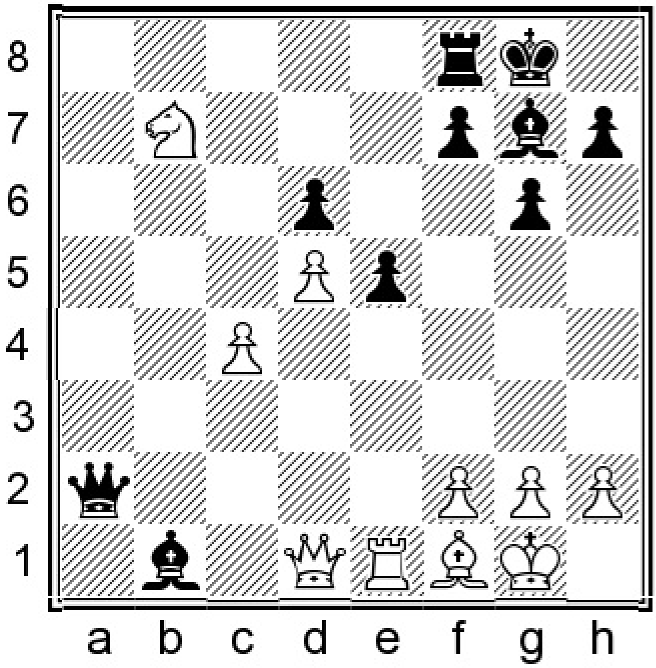
2.♖b1 e6 In the few training games that I've played in the past against engines when we've had a similar pawn structure, I've noticed that it is highly reluctant on the Black side to ever play ...e6. Maybe that's because it weakens d6, however in this particular case I couldn't see any other way of making progress.

3.♘f4?! e5 4.♘d5 ♘xd5 5.exd5 ♘b8 6.b4 ♘d7 7.♗a3 a5 Played with an exchange sacrifice in mind, to grab the dark squares.

8.bxa5 ♘c5 9.♗b4 ♖xa5 10.♗xa5 ♕xa5 Very Kasparovian, I thought. On his next turn though Brandon comes up with a neat way to challenge the blockade that Black has.

11.♘a1! ♕xa2 12.♘b3 ♕a3?

Poor calculation lead me to dismiss 12...♗f5 but it's the best that Black has and looks by far the most natural move. 13.♘xc5 ♗xb1 14.♘xb7



Brandon told me later in the post mortem that he got this far, and intended to play this variation and see what happens. After all the onus is on Black to find something here, not White. This reflects his rather laid-back approach to life in general.

I saw d6 was dropping and just assumed it was bad for Black. I had also burned up too much time earlier to really have time to investigate this. The whole game I was weighed down, taking too long on my moves. It was almost as if I had realized the importance of the game.

I'm sure that when I was in my 20s I never got so nervous before a game, or during it. I just turned up and played.

If you do have a weakness, be it nerves or whatever, that weakness won't get better overtime. In fact it will get worse if you don't deal with it. 14...♗c2 15.♕d2 (15.♕c1 ♕a6 should transpose.) 15...♕a6! 16.♘xd6 ♕xd6 17.♕xc2 ♖c8 Despite the pawn deficit Black should have good chances to hold here. The c5-square is blockaded and the possibility of playing ...f5 and ...e4, gaining some counterplay, still exists.

13.♘xc5 ♕xc5 14.♕d2

14.♖b5 ♕c7 15.♕a4! ♗d7? 16.♕a5 crushes Black.

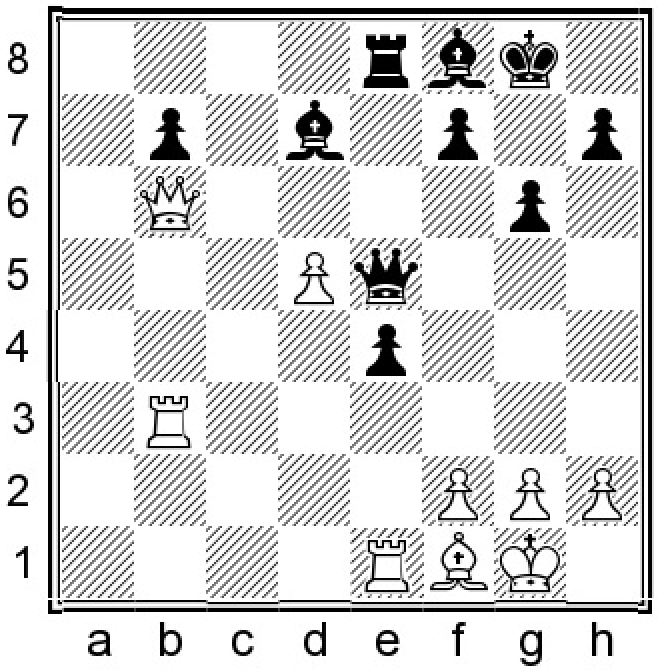
14...♖e8 15.♕e3 e4 16.♖b5?

16.♕xc5 dxc5 17.♗d3 f5 18.f3+-

16...♕c7 17.c5 ♗d7 18.cxd6 ♕xd6 19.♕c5 ♕b8 20.♖b3 ♗f8 21.♕b6 ♕e5

I was getting excited at this point, as Brandon was starting to get short of time as well, and it looked as if I had turned around what seemed like a hopeless position earlier into one where I had chances myself to win.

His next move however was a bit of a party-pooper, ridding Black of the two bishops.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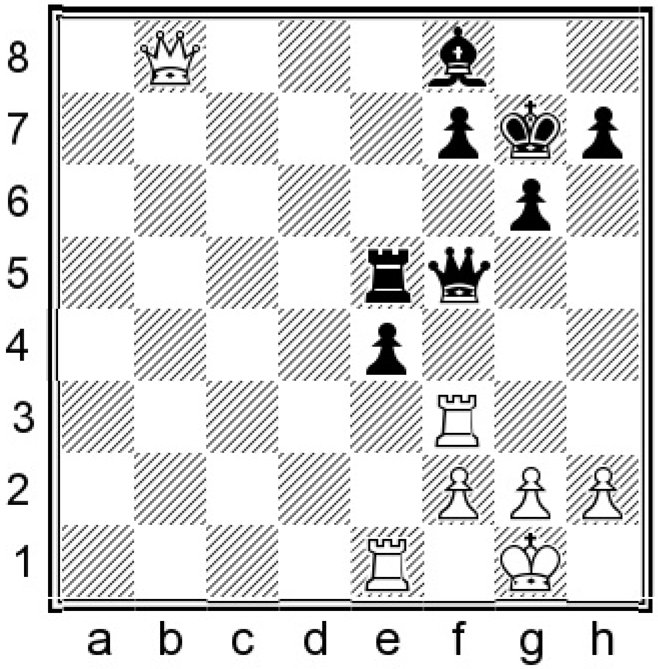
22.♗b5! A wise practical decision.

22.♕xb7? ♗d6 23.♖g3 ♗f5 and any result is possible.

22...♕xd5 23.♗xd7 ♕xd7 24.♕xb7 ♕f5 25.♕b5 ♖e5 26.♕b8 ♔g7 27.♖f3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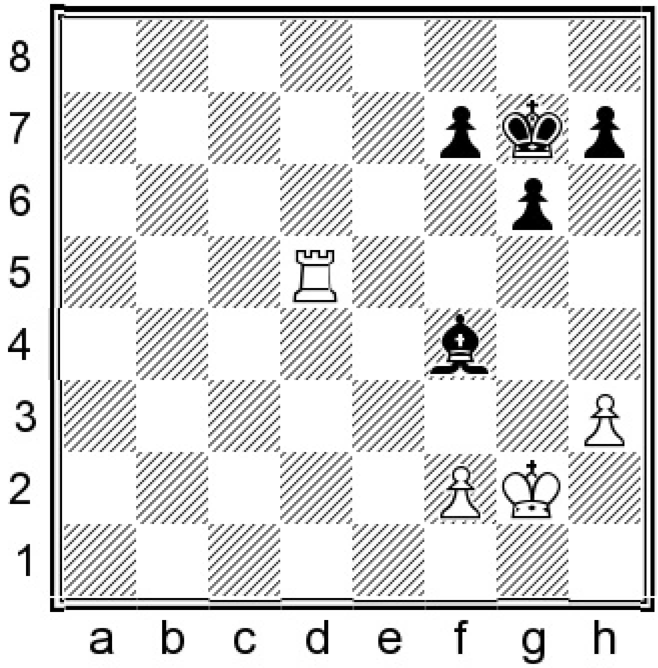
27...♕e6?

This was around move 40 and I didn't have the time to confirm whether or not 27...exf3! 28.♕xe5+ ♕xe5 29.♖xe5 was a draw. 29...fxg2 30.♔xg2 ♗d6 31.♖d5 ♗f4 32.h3



I saw something like this and was concerned about the following plan: 1. Put the rook on d7. 2. Put the pawns on h3 and f3 so they can't be touched by the bishop. 3. Eventually try and bring the king to e8 so that White can smash through f7 and break the blockade. The problem with this plan is that it is far from easy to instigate, as Black might just wait with his king on f8. What I had also failed to appreciate with my limited time was that Black can improve the pawns on the kingside, making the draw more or less certain. 32...g5 33.♔f3 f6 34.♔e4 ♔g6= Black can now put the pawn on h6, and if White tries to bring the king to e6, then ...Kh5-h4 becomes problematical for him.

28.♕b2 f5?

28...♔g8 not weakening the position, was much better. 29.♖b3 ♗d6=

29.♖c3 ♗e7 30.♖d1?

30.♖c7!

30...h5? One weakening move too many. I had just assumed I was losing at this point and didn't bother to take any time. The pressure of the game, the fact that the spectators were staring at my board which was one of the few games left, all was too much.

30...♕f6 31.♖c4 ♖e6 and Black should be able to hold.

31.♖c7 ♔h6 32.♖dd7 ♗f6 33.h4 ♗xh4 34.♕c1+ e3 35.f4 ♗f2+ 36.♔h2 1-0

The Bounceback

Over the course of my career I've become better at bouncing back after games. Maybe I've just become used to it? Early in your career you are like a heavyweight boxer, never expecting to lose.

I had a fairly long conversation after I lost to John Emms in round eight and he talked about the value of experience. He said when he played me in a previous British Championships in Scarborough, he should have played something solid with Black rather than going into a sharp Sicilian that I was comfortable in. Rely on your experience to outplay a younger player.

In round five I was paired against another younger player in Claridge-Hansen. I decided to play a slightly dubious pawn sac, just to get him out of his preparation.

E12
Gormally, Daniel (2466) - Claridge Hansen, William (2345)
Great Britain (ch), 2022

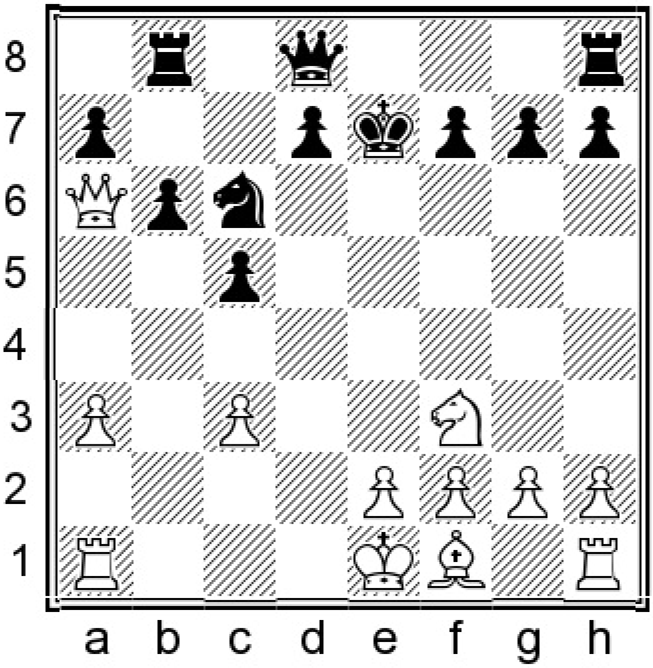
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.a3 ♗a6 5.♕c2 ♗b7 6.♘c3 c5 7.d5 I just wanted to gain the initiative in this game, so a pawn seemed a small price to pay. Maybe there was some slight tilt involved after the previous game.

7.e4 is of course much more often seen. 7...cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♗c5 9.♘b3 ♘c6 when Black is fighting for the d4-square.

7...exd5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♘xd5

9.♗g5 and I have some vague memory that this was recommended in a book that I once read many years ago, on this particular line.

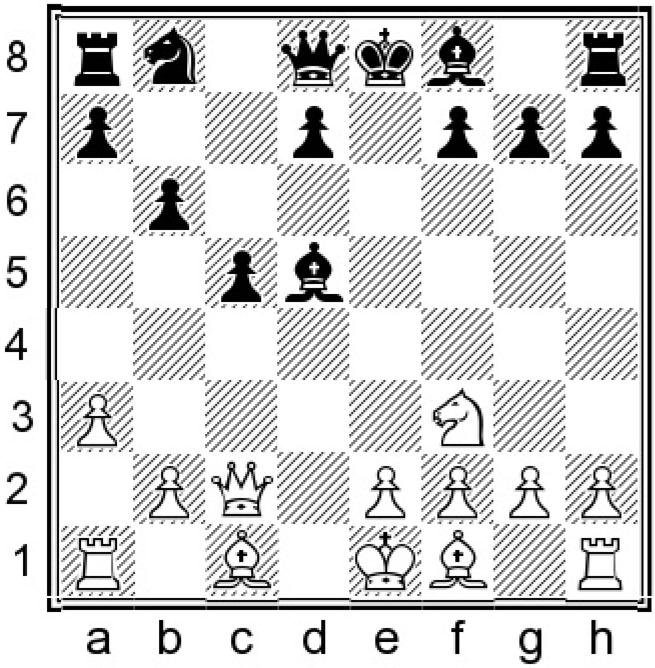
Current theory suggests that White doesn't get enough compensation, not enough to make it a serious try anyway. 9...♗e7 10.♘e4 (In a rapidplay game once against Michael Adams which was played in the late 1990s in the South Bank Centre near the River Thames, he avoided playing ...Be7 and played ...f6 instead, as he was concerned about the reply 10.♕e4 not having enough time to work out that 10...♘xc3 11.♕xb7 ♘c6 12.♗xe7 ♔xe7 13.bxc3 ♖b8 14.♕a6



14...b5! favours Black.) 10...♕c7∓

The bonkers 9.♕e4+ ♕e7 10.♕xd5 has even been played, and I once faced this was Black in an online blitz game. Ironically it has also been played as White by the lovably bonkers Manuel Bosboom. 10...♗xd5 11.♘xd5 ♕d8-+ the engine says White is just losing.

9...♗xd5



10.♗f4!? White is playing to bring a rook to d1 as quickly as possible. But is the lead in development worth a central pawn?

10...♗e7 11.♖d1 ♗e6! Wisely placing the bishop that bit closer to the kingside.

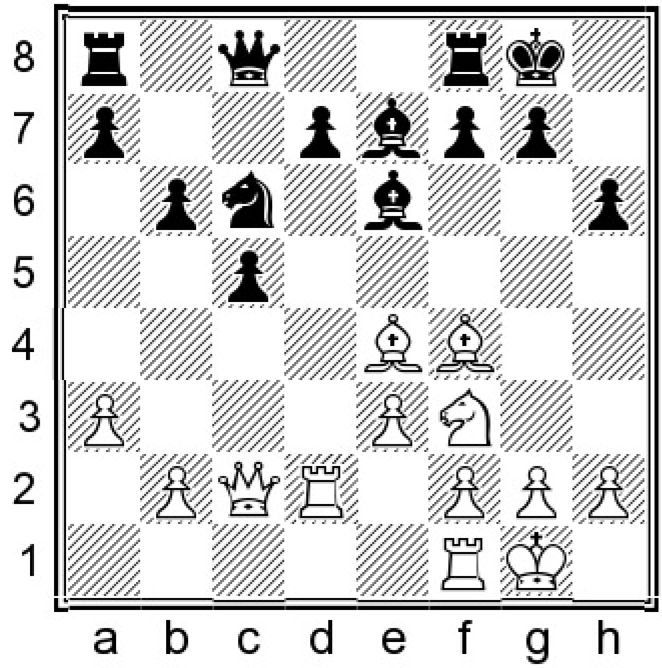
11...♗b7?! 12.e3 O-O 13.h4 and White really will get nice attacking chances. It was variations like this that attracted me to this line.

12.e3 ♘c6 13.♗d3 William was concerned he had blundered here and allowed Ba6, but I had already seen when preparing that this wasn't so good.

There was a fantastic line that I had already seen in preparation: 13.♗a6 b5!? (If Black wants a safer alternative, then 13...♘a5 is perfectly fine.) 14.♗b7 ♕a5+ 15.b4 cxb4 16.♗xa8 bxa3+ 17.♘d2 O-O When Black gets some serious action on the queenside in exchange for the rook. From a practical point of view, this looked quite scary to play as White.

13...h6 14.O-ON Novelty.

14...♕c8 15.♗e4 O-O 16.♖d2



16...a6?! It's funny when you are making the running, how often your opponent responds to this. So when you are playing for the initiative and seemingly doing the attacking, the opponent doesn't look for active moves for themselves.

If Black just wanted to equalise the game and make a draw, then better could have been 16...d5 17.♗xd5 ♗xd5 18.♖xd5 ♕e6 19.♖fd1 ♖ad8 20.e4=

The normal procedure after the game would be to go down the pub, and the regular haunt for the chess players was "Alberts Bar" where we could sit outside and look at the games. I might borrow someone elses phone and look at the evaluation on the chess24 website, look at my game to see what the engine is saying, or perhaps I've already been back to my hotel room to look at the game.

On this particular day I'm sat at the PierPoint restaurant with Anuurai Sainbayar and her friend Greg Hutchence, both of whom were playing in the major open. What a beautiful scene. Fantastic weather, the sun shining, the sea azure blue. What a fine place to dine.

The conversation went like this:

"OK I want you to name the top two engine moves here."

(suggests some random moves)

Eventually Greg suggests ...Qa6

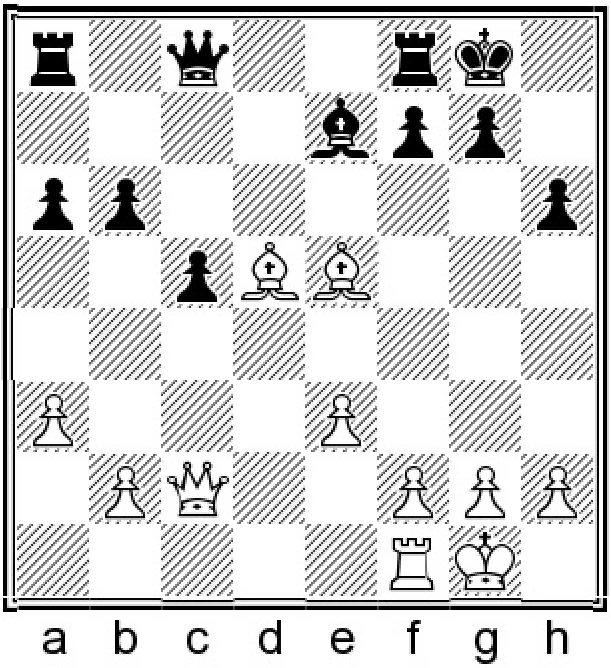
"I was just about to suggest that!" Anuurai.

"No you weren't!" Greg.

16...♕a6! is indeed strong, as Black is a pawn up and should be looking to convert, not just humbly sit back and absorb the pressure. 17.♘e5 (17.♖fd1?! ♕b5! shows one of the points of the queen sally.) 17...♘xe5 18.♗xe5 ♖ad8 19.♖fd1 White is just about holding, but certainly no more.

16...♕b7! 17.♖fd1 ♖ad8 and Black is consolidating and doing well.

17.♘e5! ♘xe5 18.♗xe5 d5 19.♖xd5 ♗xd5 20.♗xd5 Tricky, and now my opponent blundered.



20...♖a7??

20...♔h8 21.♗xa8 ♕xa8 22.♕f5 b5 White has mild pressure, and yet it really isn't enough. Black can easily start to creep back into the position with moves like ...Qc8 or ...f6.

21.♕g6! 1-0

The Arkell Love-in

If there is something worse than failing to win a chess tournament, it is that your friends win it instead.

Eventually we were joined at the restaurant by Keith Arkell, who at this point was leading outright with 4½/5. There was nearly an unfortunate incident as wishing to surprise his good friend Anuurai, he crept in to the table from an unusual angle. This upset a Staffordshire bull terrier which was sitting at the next table with its owner. It leapt angrily at the long-time British Championship contender.

Keith is one of the few older players who remains a regular contender in the British Championship and other strong tournaments.

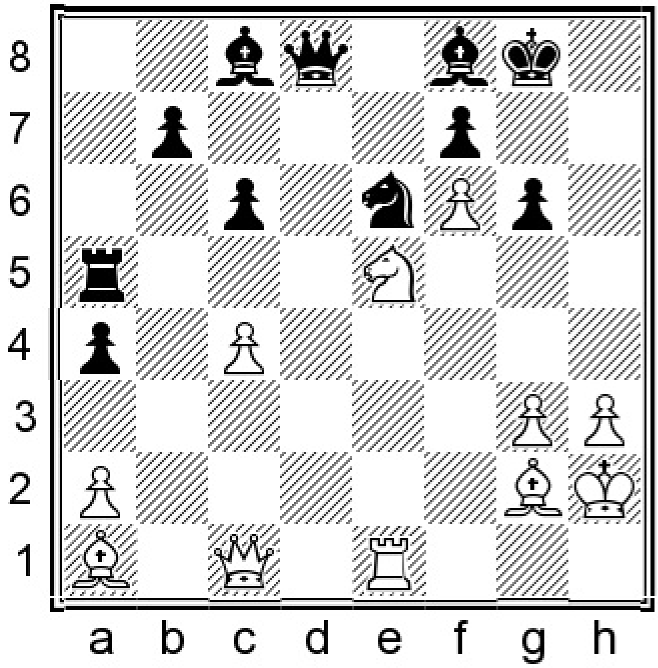
Like his rival and friend Mark Hebden, Keith has been playing on the English chess circuit since the 1970s. That's a lot of water under the bridge.

I recall playing in a British Chess Championships in Torquay in 1998, at the same venue, the Riveria Leisure Centre. Not much has changed since then; the town looks pretty much the same. Just that a quarter of my life has gone by. But these guys go back much further still. You wonder how they keep the motivation up to keep competing, to keep playing. Keith is still ambitious and states openly how he feels at low 2400s he is underrated and wants to get to 2530+

Of late he has been backing this up.

Keith Arkell, BCC 2022; Pictures by Brendan O'Gorman

Arkell, Keith (2409) - Kirk, Ezra (2442)
Great Britain (ch), 2022

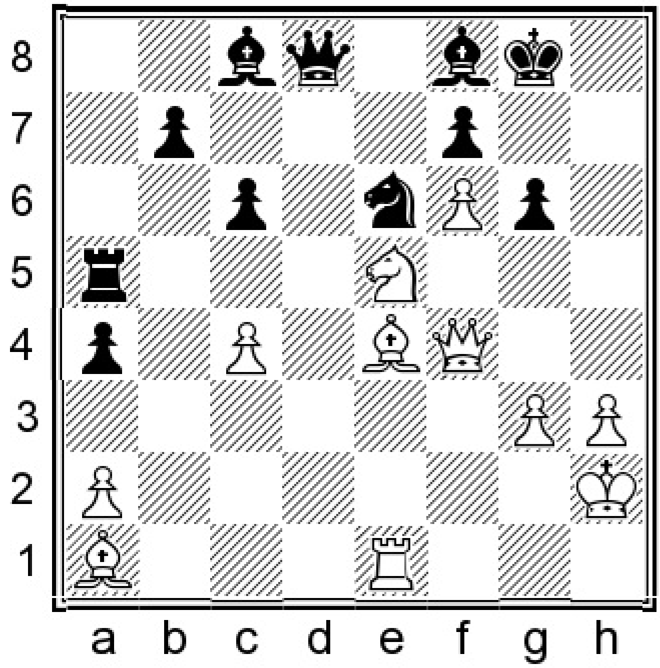


1.♗e4?! Before demonstrating this on the little set that we had on the table, Keith quizzed Anuurai and asked "What great attacking move did I play here?!"

However, seething with jealousy that Keith had leapt ahead of me and already aware that chess24 suggested that this was a mistake, I was quick to question Keith's verdict.

1...♗d6

This reminds me of my Claridge-Hansen game, that Black lands up on the back foot and assumes his role of eternal defender, refusing to ever play any active moves. 1...♘d4! would have confused the issue. It is also strange that Black didn't find this as this makes sense of his last move, as now the rook on a5 hits the knight on e5. 2.♕f4 (2.♗g2 ♘f5 seems rather murky; if g4 then the knight can leap to h4.) 2...♘e6



3.♕f1! seems a tough sequence to find. But as Keith said, this is all engine stuff, and in the game it's two humans fighting it out over the board. (3.♕f2?! ♗b4! (3...♗c5=) 4.♖f1 ♗d6 5.♘xg6!=) 3...♗d6!∞

2.♘xg6! Although Keith has a well-won reputation as an endgame grinder, he can also mix it up if it comes to it.

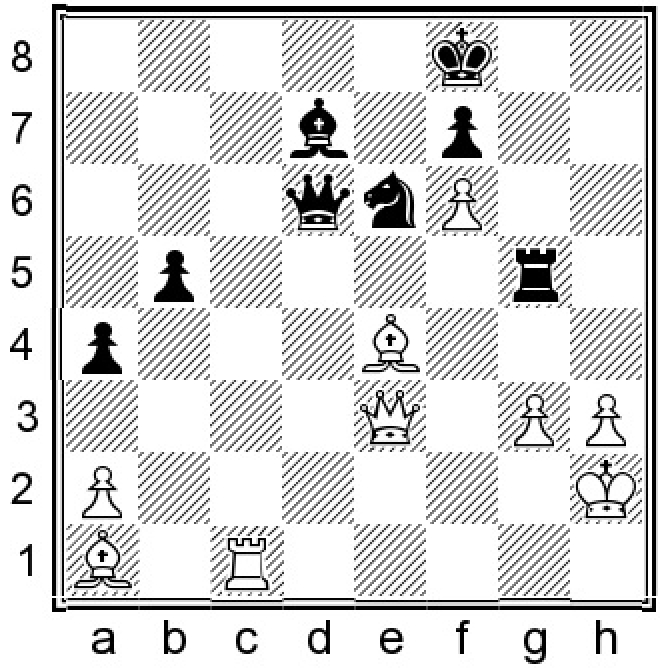
2...♖g5

2...fxg6 3.♕h6 the black king is too exposed.

3.♘e7+ ♔f8 4.♘f5 ♕c7 5.♘xd6 ♕xd6 6.♕e3 b5 7.cxb5 cxb5 8.♖c1 At this moment of the game it is just a case of White consolidating and winning with the bishop pair and extra pawn.

8.♗g2+- was the simplest - intending Be5.

8...♗d7



9.a3?

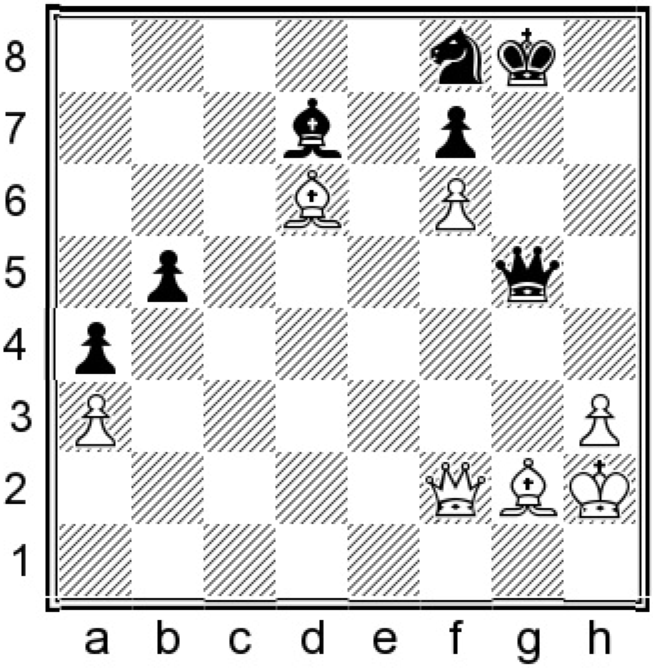
9.♗g2 ♔g8 10.a3 and White should gradually win.

9...♖xg3! 10.♕xg3 ♕d2+ 11.♗g2 ♕xc1 Black has won a pawn back at least, even if the position remains fairly bad.

12.♗e5?!

12.♗c3 ♕xa3 (12...♕f4 13.♗b4+ ♔e8 14.h4 This ending should be fairly routine for White. Black is blockaded on the queenside, so not only does he have to worry about the h-pawn queening, but there is also the danger White will eventually run the king to c5 and take all the pawns.) 13.♕b8+ ♗e8 14.♗e5+-

12...♕g5 13.♗d6+ ♔g8 14.♕f2 ♘f8



15.h4? Tiredness, fatigue and perhaps nerves are kicking in. It is hard to win won positions. Keith is one of the better endgame players around but around about this stage of the game he is showing some shaky technique.

15...♕f5? As White refused an ending later, perhaps Ezra got lured into a false sense of security.

15...♕h5!= when the open nature of the white king promises Black equality.

16.♕xf5 ♗xf5 17.♗f1 ♗d7 18.♔g3 ♗c6 19.♔f4 ♘d7 20.♔g5 ♔h8 21.♗d3 ♔g8 22.h5 ♔h8 23.h6 ♔g8 24.h7+ ♔h8 25.♔h6 b4 26.♗xb4 ♘e5 27.♗f8 ♘g4+ 28.♔g5 ♘xf6 29.♔xf6 ♗e4 30.♗g7+ 1-0

A Failure to Falsify

Keith's ebullience at dinner irked me. It was almost unbearable. He was leading the tournament I felt, that I should be winning.

Even then I didn't see the main danger, Harry Grieve who I played in round six. I first encountered Harry in 2019 in a tournament in Hastings when I lost on the White side of a 2.Bg5 Dutch. I recalled that he whipped out a lot of preparation at hyper-speed and it unsettled my rhythm. He was clearly a talented player and his online results were good as well. But should an FM really win the British Chess Championship?!

I think now you come to the crux of my chess career and why I haven't yet won the British Chess Championships. As explained earlier, I got very nervous against Brandon. Perhaps the accumulated scar tissue of years of failure have built up.

Aforementioned Grandmasters Hebden, Arkell and Emms have also not won the British Chess Championships despite having made numerous attempts to do so, and certainly all been good enough to have won it.

So why haven't we won it? Because of age, and the aforementioned scar tissue.

The stats are in favour of the younger players. Since I've been playing the British Championships, the youngest player I have seen breakthrough and win it for the first time was Stuart Conquest in Liverpool in 2008, when he was 40.

The longer you leave it, the harder it becomes.

B63
Grieve, Harry (2390) - Gormally, Daniel (2466)
Great Britain (ch), 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 ♗e7 8.O-O-O O-O 9.h4 Another problem that comes with age - memory. I had seen this move during some work I did recently for website called G-Chess. However, I had no real memory of what you were supposed to do, just some vague idea that there was a trick if Black played ...h6.

9...a6 I knew that Kasparov had played this once in a blitz game against Short, but that was as deep as I got.

9...h6?! is a bit shaky here as White is well set-up for sacrifices on h6. 10.♘xc6 bxc6 11.e5!± is a dangerous line that I mentioned on G-Chess.

A line like 9...♘xd4 10.♕xd4 ♕a5 (10...a6 Djukic,Nikola 2523 - Draskovic,Luka 2303, Crna Gora 2012 - 115/65) 11.♕e3 might seem simpler, but this is all very sharp as well. Every move is incredibly important.

One day before the games I sat outside with Mark Hebden and one of the other players asked us what separated us from the very top players in the world. Mark thought they just know more. Not just theory but they know how to play the resulting middle-game positions, because they've studied them deeply.

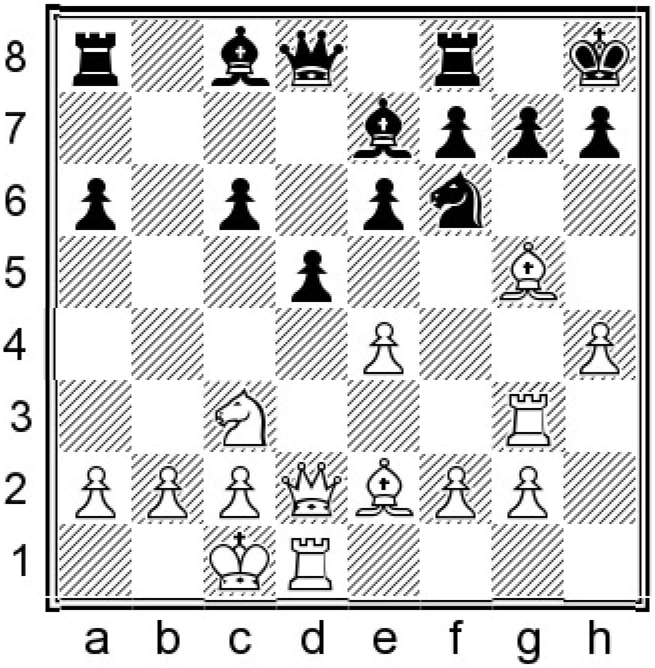
It might also be the approach. Whenever I've seen players like Adams or Howell play in the British Championships you rarely see them around the town if the game isn't going on. They don't go out boozing. That could be said of Harry as well and some other young players, that they are more devoted to the chess side of the experience than some of the older Grandmasters.

10.♘xc6 bxc6 11.♖h3 Was all played fairly quickly and still clearly preparation.

11...d5 12.♖g3 ♔h8 An understandable reaction, stepping away from the g-file.

12...♘h5 13.♖d3 (13.♖e3? f6; 13.♗xe7 ♕xe7 14.♖d3±)

13.♗e2



13...♖b8? I think I understood at the board that this didn't do anything as the threat of ...Qb6 was just a bluff anyway, but I was probably just unnerved by the depth of his preparation.

13...♗d6! 14.f4 (14.♖d3 ♕c7) 14...♗e7 is a counter-intuitive sequence that equalises the game. The main point is that White doesn't neccesarily want to play f4, as this creates some long-term weaknesses in his position, as well as breaking the co-ordination between the queen on d2 and bishop on g5. 15.♔b1 (15.h5 h6! is one of the points of luring the pawn to f4.; 15.f5!? sharpening the game further makes some sense.) 15...♖b8∞

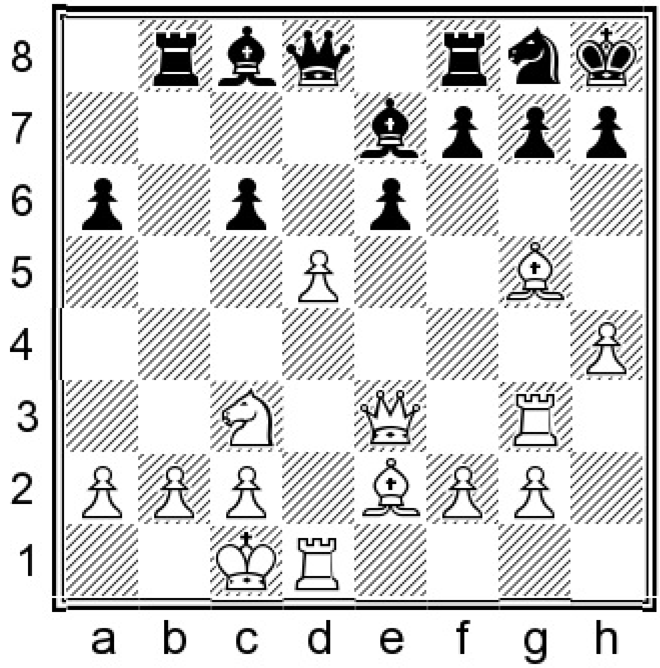
14.♕e3 This is perfectly fine, although there was something stronger.

14.h5! worried me. 14...♕b6 15.b3 ♕xf2? 16.♖f3+-

14...♘g8

One of the challenges of this tournament was the speed of the time control. I think that was one of the reasons why Harry succeeded, as his preparation was so good. If you are under pressure in the opening, you don't always have enough time to figure out the problems at the board, as effectively we were playing a glorified rapid. 14...c5? was one of the moves that I recall spending the most time on, but this is just plain bad. 15.exd5 exd5 16.♘xd5! I hadn't seen this in the game. (16.♗xf6? ♗xf6 17.♕xc5 ♗e6∓ and Black gets fantastic compensation.) 16...♘xd5 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♖xd5+- so simple!

15.exd5



15...exd5

The topic of falsification comes up in the recent book by Michael Adams and Phillip Hurtado called "Think Like a Super-GM." According to that book, the top players thought process goes as follows: identify 1-2 candidate moves, but then spend most of your time trying to falsify that move. In other words, to see if there is anything wrong with it.

I was trying to apply this method in the British Championship but it was difficult to change the lazy habits of a lifetime. Therefore it was only now that I falsified 15...cxd5? 16.♗xe7 ♘xe7 17.♕e5!+- a line that I hadn't seen earlier when I played ...Ng8.

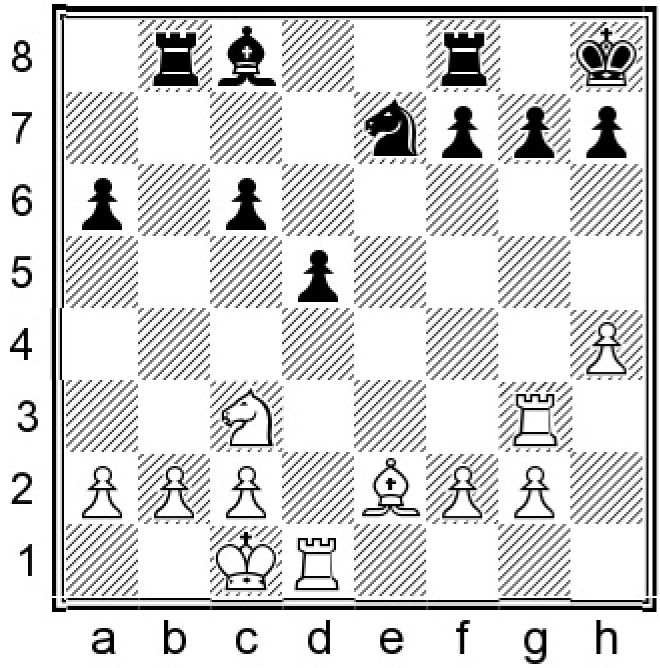
I was lucky that there was an alternative.

16.h5?!

I hadn't considered this at all and now I should have spent some time evaluating the position and calculating the variations. This was the problem in this tournament and something I've noticed for a while. That at some point in the game, perhaps due to nerves or just an inherit laziness, I stop calculating variations. Keeping that attention up is something I'm struggling with.

So now I started to guess and the falisfy method had gone out of the window.

During the game I just expected him to take on e7. 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♕xe7 ♘xe7

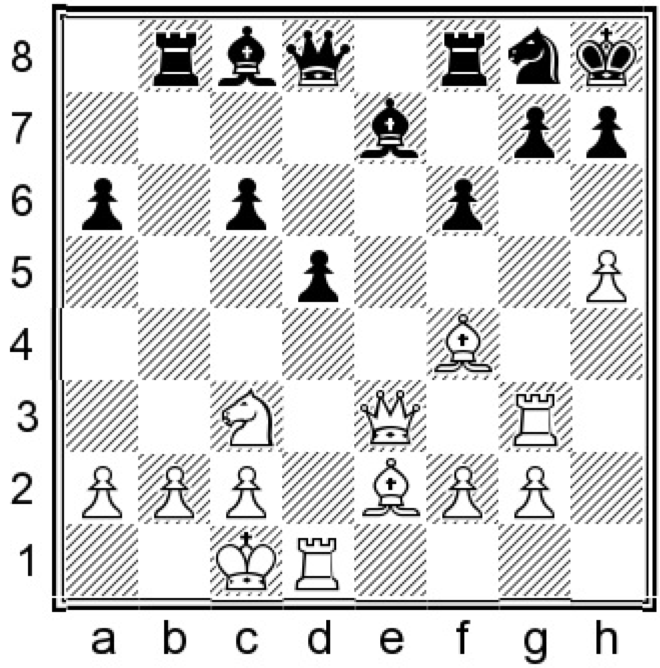


This looked like a much better ending for White. The pawn on a6 is weak, Na4-c5 is an obvious plan. 18.♖gd3± with the idea of g3, consolidating the kingside. (18.♘a4 ♖b4 19.♖a3 ♖xh4 20.♘b6 is also possible, and also dangerous for Black. If a6 falls which it will do inevitably, then a4-a5-a6 is so much quicker than anything Black has on the kingside.)

16...f6?

16...♗xg5 17.♕xg5 ♕xg5+ 18.♖xg5 ♖b4 agreeing to the ending was Black's best chance.

17.♗f4



17...♗d6??

17...♖b4 18.a3 ♖xf4 19.♕xf4 ♗d6 20.♕h4 and now Black can even refuse the exchange; 20...♕c7 (20...♗xg3 21.♕xg3 is deeply unpleasant although still far from resignable. 21...♖e8 (21...♘e7? 22.♕b8+-) 22.♕b8 f5±) 21.♖f3 ♗e6±

18.♖xg7! He probably had his longest think of the game before taking on g7, and by the time he played it I had already seen what was coming. The Gorm lottery wasn't coming in after all...

18...♖e8

18...♔xg7 19.♕g3++-;

18...♗xf4 19.♕xf4 ♕b6 20.h6 ♕xb2+ 21.♔d2 ♖b4 22.♖xg8+ is one of the depressing variations I had to ponder over.

19.♕g3 ♗xf4+ 20.♕xf4 ♕b6 21.h6 ♕xb2+ 22.♔d2 ♖b4 23.♗d3 1-0

Into the Darkness

One player who struggled throughout the competition was Mark Hebden. How you begin often sets the tone for the rest of the event, and some early draws knocked Mark off course. To some degree this was surprising as going into the British Championships Mark had been one of the most in-form players. But it just goes to show in chess you can't guarantee anything. I also wondered if part of the reason for his poor showing was the extra pressure that I presumed he put on himself. When you look at the field it wasn't very strong, mainly because players like Michael Adams, David Howell and Gawain Jones were missing. That opened up the event and made it much more winnable, at least on paper. In that scenario if you are carrying good form coming into the event and you see the star players are missing, you suddenly go, "Oh hang on, I fancy this."

The other problem was that once you were knocked off the demonstration boards, the whole tone of the tournament seemed to change. I was lucky enough to remain on the higher boards throughout the event, but when I did have a walk around the rest of the tournament it didn't cut a good impression. The lower boards seemed dark and gloomy, and were completely devoid of spectators. There was no atmosphere and I felt that once you were down in that death zone, it was hard to escape.

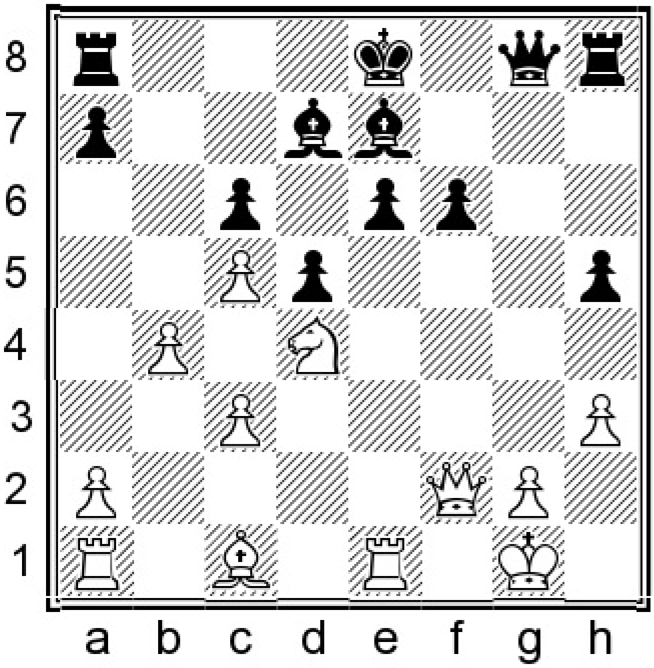
John Merriman had a good event and his upset win against Mark Hebden might have been a bit fortunate, but you still have to win them. I faced John in round seven and it was imperative to bounceback yet again. Despite the loss to Grieve, I still harboured some dreams of getting to 7/9 and getting into the playoff, unaware that this would already not be enough.

C03
Gormally, Daniel (2466) - Merriman, John (2297)
Great Britain (ch), 2022

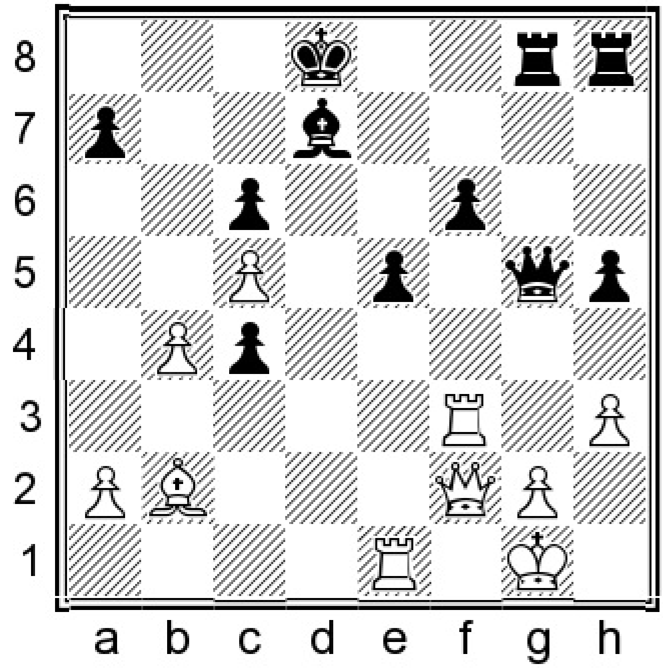
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♗e7 A line that has become increasingly topical in recent years.

In an earlier round, Bob Eames went for the main-line with 3...♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘gf3 The universal variation, played often by Garry Kasparov, someone who could never be accused of being under-prepared, so this seemed to me a sign that this variation must be fairly reasonable for White.

Now Black has many ways to play, for example they can fianchetto the bishop with ...g6, they can go for ...f6, or they can just play like Bob did in the game. 7...♗e7 (7...♕b6 8.O-O cxd4 9.cxd4 ♘xd4 10.♘xd4 ♕xd4 11.♘f3 ♕b6 12.♕a4 ♕b4 13.♕c2 ♘c5 14.♗d2 ♕a4 15.b3 ♕d7 16.♗e2⩱ is considered to give White decent compensation.) 8.O-O g5 9.dxc5 g4 Don Mason who is an expert in these lines, told us afterwards that the most reliable way for Black is not to play ...g4 but to take on e5 immediately. (After the game Bob told me that he was trying to recall a game of Matthew Sadler's, who has had some success with this as Black. 9...♘dxe5 10.♘xe5 ♘xe5 11.♘b3 ♘xd3 12.♕xd3 f6 was the course of one of those Sadler games, as in Libiszewski,Fabien 2540 - Sadler, Matthew 2687, Great Britain 2018 - 135/99, C 06) 10.♘d4 ♘dxe5 (This line is very sharp and dynamic, and inept play will get punished. 10...♘cxe5 11.♗b5 a6 12.♗a4 was a game that I once had against Fodor as White, where I was eventually routinely crushed, Gormally,Daniel 2497 - Fodor,Tamas jr 2495, Great Britain 2015) 11.♗b5 It's a sign of my poor opening knowledge that I had to figure this out at the board, despite the fact that we were still deep in theory. 11...♗d7 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.b4 (13.f4! is very strong, but I didn't want to allow the knight into d3. What I learned from analysing the Bob Eames game is that White should just play f4 automatically, as this always seem to lead to an opening of the position that is in his favour. In sharp positions you need to play sharply! 13...♘d3 14.b4±) 13...h5 (13...♘g6!? 14.♕xg4 ♕c8 worried me at the board, where Black will carry out ...e5 without allowing the knight into f5. Then he should get some attacking chances as compensation, as moves like ...Rg8, ...Nf4 flow naturally.) 14.♕e2 ♕c7 15.f4 gxf3 16.♘2xf3 f6 17.♘xe5 ♕xe5 18.♕f2 ♕e4 At the board Bob's idea of transferring the queen to g8 greatly impressed me, but the engine doesn't seem to think it is any good. (18...♕c7 19.♗g5! is also awkward for Black. 19...fxg5 20.♕f7+ ♔d8 21.♖ae1 the computer is very strong in such situations, where blunt force can be so effective.) 19.♖e1 ♕g4 20.h3 ♕g8



At the board I was unsure of the consequences of 21.♗f4 as this seemed to involve a sacrifice on e5. (21.c4? too subtle. 21...dxc4 22.♗b2 e5 23.♘f5 ♕g5 24.♘xe7 ♔xe7 25.♖e3 ♖ag8 26.♖ae1 ♔d8 27.♖f3



27...♖g6?? (27...♗e6 28.♖xf6 ♗d5 seemed like the best chance, transferring the bishop to a useful diagonal.) 28.♗c1 1 : 0 Gormally,Daniel 2466 - Eames,Robert 2112, Great Britain (ch) 2022) 21...e5 22.b5! is something that I had either overlooked or underestimated, as you seem to allow so many possibilities, like taking on c5, taking on b5, taking on f4. For a human it is a bit of a headache to calculate all this. (22.♗xe5 fxe5 23.♖xe5 ♖h7 24.♖ae1 ♔d8 25.b5 ♖c8∞ apparently is not so clear.) 22...cxb5 (22...♗xc5 23.♗xe5+-) 23.♗xe5 fxe5 24.♖xe5 ♖h7 25.♖ae1 ♔d8 26.c6+- is a sample line and winning for White.

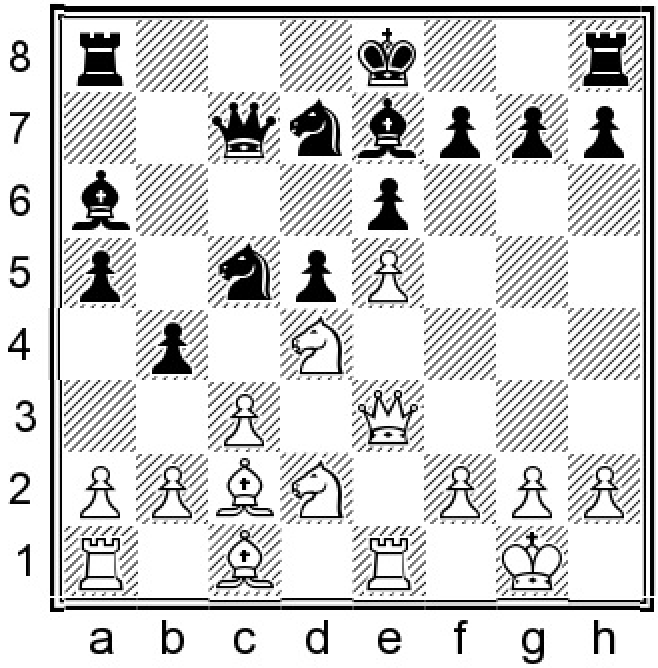
4.♗d3 c5 5.dxc5 ♘f6 6.♕e2 a5 7.♘gf3 ♘a6 8.e5

8.♗b5+ ♗d7 9.♘e5 ♘xc5 10.♘xd7 ♘fxd7 is supposed to give White a slight nibble, but in general this line is tough for White to crack.

8...♘d7 9.c3 ♘axc5 10.♗c2 ♕c7 I was pleasantly surprised when he played this, as at least I felt I could equalise with White now...

10...b6 worried me at the board as the threat of ...Ba6 loomed large. 11.O-O ♗a6 12.c4 dxc4 13.♘xc4 b5 14.♘e3 b4 15.♘c4 ♘b6∓

11.O-O b5 12.♖e1 ♗a6 13.♘d4 b4 14.♕e3



14...♖c8?

After the game John pointed out that Black should automatically insert 14...bxc3 and that's completely correct. 15.bxc3 O-O 16.♕h3 g6 17.♘2f3∞ is just a very unclear middlegame.

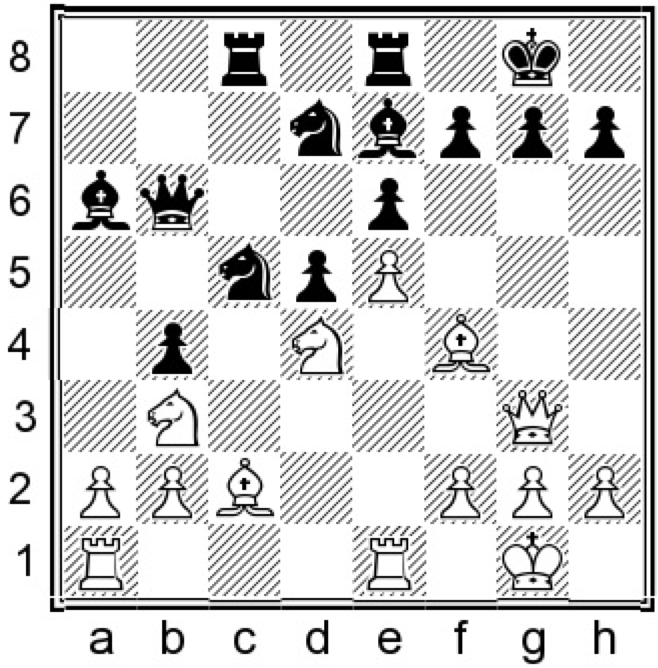
15.♕g3?

The strength of 15.cxb4 axb4 16.a3 had completely passed me by. 16...bxa3? (16...♕a5 17.♘2f3±) 17.b4 ♘e4 18.♘xe4 dxe4 19.♗xa3 leaves Black in trouble.

15...O-O 16.cxb4 axb4 17.♘2b3

At least some falsification was going on. I had correctly deduced that 17.♘2f3? ♗d3 18.♗xd3 ♘xd3 19.♗h6 was not that great for White, but not for the reason I thought. 19...♗f6!! (I had only seen 19...g6 20.♗xf8 ♗xf8 which is indeed fine for Black.) 20.exf6 ♕xg3 21.hxg3 ♘xe1-+

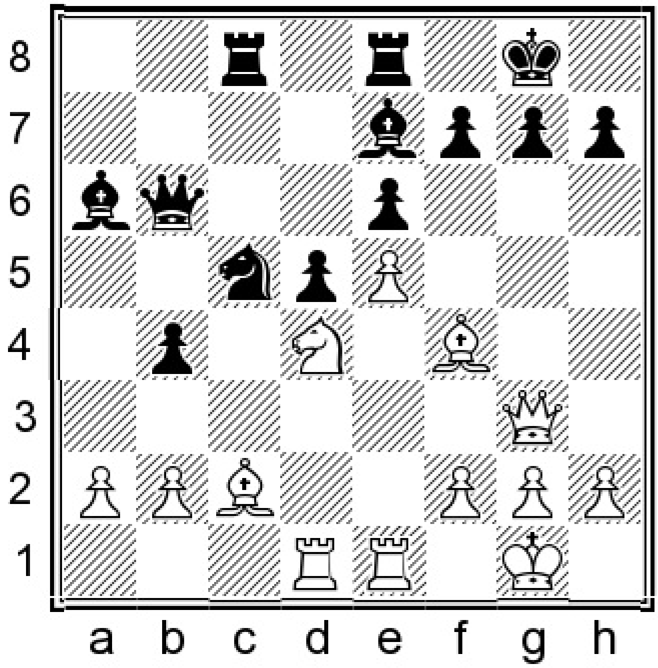
17...♖fe8 18.♗f4 ♕b6



19.♖ad1 Now I started to feel reasonably confident. My opponent was eating into his clock, my pieces were nicely centralised and White is already beginning to eye up the kingside.

19...♘xb3 20.♗xb3 ♗c5?!

20...♘c5 21.♗c2

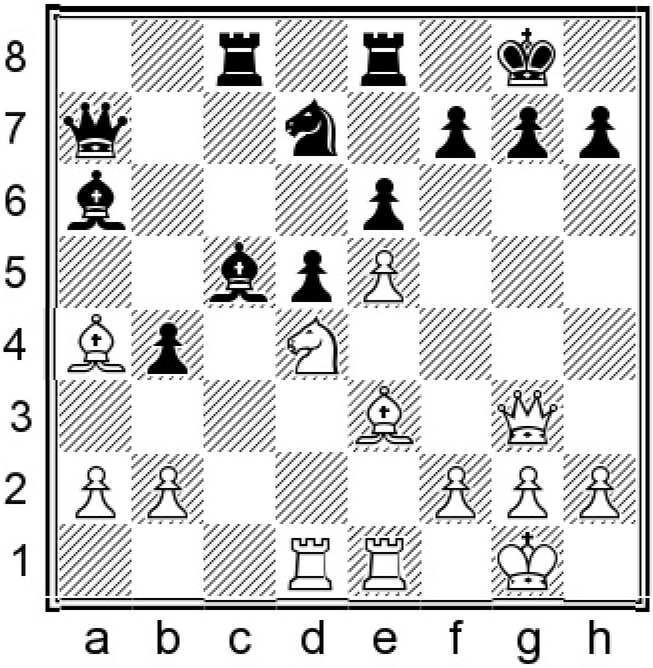


21...♘e4! 22.♗xe4 dxe4 seemed messy and also felt like the best practical chance for Black. 23.♖xe4 ♖ed8=∞

21.♗a4! ♕a7

21...♗xd4 22.♗xd7 ♖c2 23.♖xd4 ♕xd4 24.♗xe8 ♖e2 25.♖c1 ♖c2 26.♕e3 is insufficient for Black.

22.♗h6 ♗f8 23.♗e3 ♗c5



24.b3! A nice consolidating move, preventing any ...Be2 ideas. I now felt like Michael Adams, in total positional control.

24...♕b7 25.h4 ♖c7?! In a difficult position John blunders.

25...♗f8

26.h5 My impulse was to keep attacking, which is perfectly fine.

I am uncomfortable in technical positions which is probably why I rejected 26.♗xd7 ♖xd7 27.♘xe6 ♖xe6 28.♗xc5+-

26...♗f8 27.♗xd7 ♖xd7 28.♘f3 ♗b5

28...♕b8 concerned me. The idea is to play ...f5 and build another line of defence. If White exchanges en passant then Black will take on g3 and escape into the endgame. 29.h6 f5 30.♘d4+- leaves White with a crushing positional edge.

29.h6 g6 30.♘h2 ♖a8 31.♘g4 ♗e7 32.♕f4 ♖c7 33.♘f6+ ♔h8 The black position is creaking on the precipice.

34.♘xh7

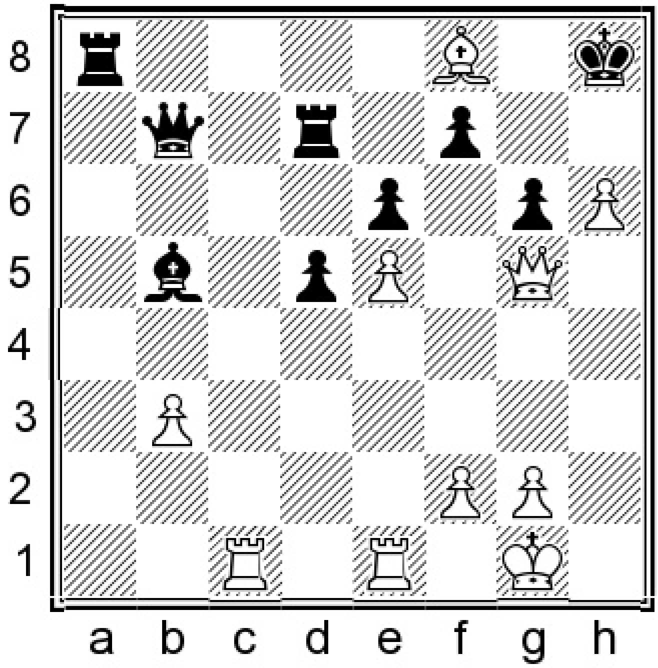
The flamboyant 34.♖xd5!? is easy to play in the post mortem, less so in the game, especially when there is a safe and good combination like Nh7 lurking in the position as an alternative. 34...exd5 35.♗d4 ♖f8 36.e6 fxe6 37.♖xe6+-

34...♗d8 35.♘g5 ♖xa2 36.♕xb4 ♗e7 37.♕f4

It was completely bonkers not to play 37.♘xf7+ ♔h7 38.♘d6 when the black king has been shorn even more of its defences, and the win is only a matter of time.

37...♗d8 38.♖c1 ♖d7 39.♗c5 ♖a8 40.♗f8 I wanted to play Bg7, Bf6 h7. But he doesn't give me the chance.

40...♗xg5 41.♕xg5



41...f5! An excellent practical try! I now started to wonder if the win was in doubt, especially when I knew my opponent had a reputaton for being very resilient and capable of finding great resources.

42.♗d6

I nearly played 42.exf6? ♖xf8 43.♖xe6 but then I calmed down. Don't do it Gorm, I said to myself. Don't be a fool. 43...♔h7 44.♖ce1 ♕a7 45.♖e7+ ♖f7 and Black is holding.

42...d4 Now the win is fairly routine.

In the post mortem we discussed 42...♖f7 which did indeed seem like a better try. 43.♖c5 ♔h7 44.♖ec1 ♗d7 45.♗e7 ♕xb3 46.♖5c3 Black is still very tied down and probably just completely lost. 46...♕b7 47.♗f6 ♗e8 48.♔h2 It will be very hard for Black to hold this in the long-term.

43.♖c5 d3 44.♖ec1 ♖a2 45.♖c8+ ♔h7 46.♕f6 1-0

The Final Throes

It was left to the dependable John Emms, a rock of a player, to put the final knife into my ailing tournament. Disaster struck on the morning of the game when the battery on my mouse died, which meant I was unable to use the computer to prepare properly. To be honest this was something of a relief. Is there anything more boring in life than preparing with ChessBase?

I made a joke during the event on Facebook, that I should create a tournament where preparation is banned. You have to get dependable people, people you can trust (sounds like a Tarantino film) to sign a contract agreeing not to do any preparation before the games. Someone pointed out that this would favour the professional players, who are in any case working on chess away from the tournament.

B07
Emms, John (2474) - Gormally, Daniel (2466)
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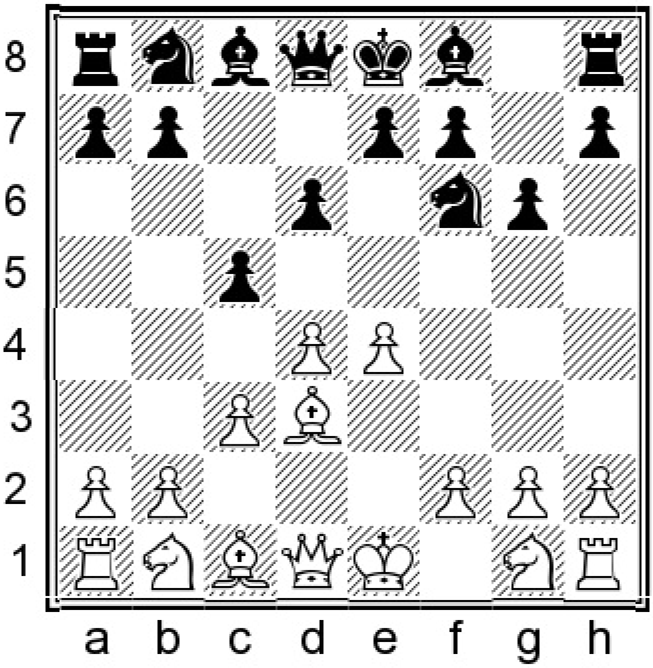
1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 Not the most testing line.

2...d5 is very popular of course, but Tiviakov felt this was slightly inferior to ...Nf6, and White can count on a small advantage. Despite knowing all this, I still went for a rather dubious variation in ...d6, which just goes to show that you can bring a horse to water, but you can't always make him drink...

According to 2.c3 Sicilian expert Sergey Tiviakov, 2...♘f6 is the only move that equalizes.

3.d4 ♘f6 4.♗d3 g6

John was kind enough to explain to me after the game that 4...♕c7 is more reliable for Black, as I would not encounter the same problems that I did in the game.



5.dxc5! I had faced this before and laboured under the false impression that it was somewhat insipid. As the course of the game shows, this is very far from the truth. John is a bit of an expert on the c3 Sicilian having wrote a book on this opening. As Mark Hebden explained to me after the game, he tends to be rather predictable in his opening choices, but what he plays he knows very well.

5.♘f3 ♗g7 6.O-O O-O 7.h3 ♘bd7 was the main-line of my preparation, and White is better here as well.

5...dxc5 6.e5 c4

6...♘h5 was probably a better try. 7.♕e2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♘g7± this is a little bit like that drowned rat variation that Magnus Carlsen plays online occasionally. As I have dabbled in that myself I could have given it a go, but just wasn't aware that ...Nh5 was a decent option.

6...♘d5 I once played against Sam Collins, which probably formed the base of John's preparation. 7.♗e4 ♘b6 (7...e6 was what I played against Collins, but as this creates an unpleasant weakness on f6, isn't very advisable either, Collins,Sam E 2426 - Gormally,Daniel 2520, Great Britain 2011) 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8± is a rather grotty endgame for Black though, especially in a game that you need to win.

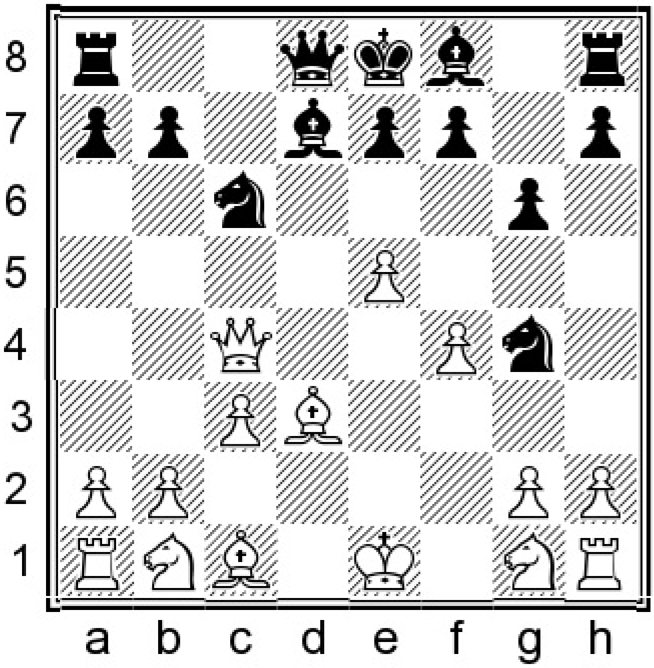
7.♕a4+ ♗d7

7...♘c6 8.♗xc4 ♘d7 9.e6 fxe6 10.♗e2±

8.♕xc4 ♘g4 9.f4! I had assumed that Black would be able to find compensation here, but over the board I couldn't see anything. During the game I had some vague idea that I had this whole thing before online, and got crushed in that game. That's the danger with preparation now, people can search for your online profiles and easily find holes in your repertoire.

9...♘c6

9...♕b6 10.♕d4 ♕xd4 11.cxd4 ♘c6 12.♘e2! John explained that this was an important nuance. 12...♘b4 13.♗e4 f5 14.a3! fxe4 15.axb4 and Black is once again in trouble. That's why White puts the knight on e2 earlier, as on f3 it would be attacked by the pawn on e4.



10.♗c2! An important little move stepping away from any ...Be6 tricks, and still part of John's preparation.

White is just winning already, a pawn up for nothing.

10...♕b6

10...♗h6 intending to take on e5, can be easily nullified by 11.♘a3+-

11.♕e2 ♘xh2? Desperation, but if I don't take on h2 he will quickly drive my knight away and have an overwhelming position.

11...O-O-O; 11...♗g7

12.♗b3! My quickest ever loss!

12.♗b3 ♘g4 13.e6 fxe6 14.♕xg4 is just a piece up with a good position, so it's not even worth playing on for a bit.

1-0

In the final round I faced Richard Pert who these days does not play chess for a living but instead has a decent job working in the city.

Richard seemed unimpressed when we discussed the conditions for the tournament. Although as a Grandmaster the English Chess Federation covered my hotel, Richard did not get any money and as an International Master he has very rarely received any conditions, at least not in England. He also pointed out that the prize money for a British Chess Championships Torquay is quite poor. Without the Chessable cash, I suspect there wouldn't have been any money at all, but he does have a point. There is an awful lot of money in the city, and sponsoring chess tournaments is probably peanuts to them given the money involved. The problem is there just doesn't seem to be anyone involved in English chess who is actively looking for sponsors.

By this stage of the tournament any hopes I had of winning had truly gone. I could only stare to the top two boards forlornly, thinking of what might had been. Had I taken myself out of the running because of the pressure of competing for the title, or was I just not good enough?

No matter, I just had to beat Richard...

D37
Gormally, Daniel (2466) - Pert, Richard G (2411)
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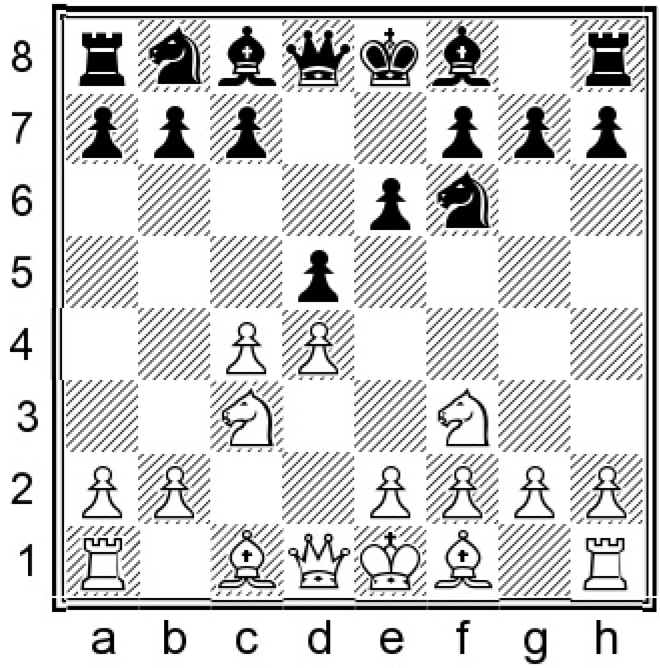
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3



4...a6! How do you crack this? - You can't. When he played this I inwardly groaned, and recalled a game I played in the previous years British Championship in Hull, when I was White against Richard's twin brother Nick.

5.a4 I was aware this was far from optimal, and just wanted to take him out of his preparation.

5.cxd5 exd5 6.♗g5 ♗e6 Black will put the knight on d7, the bishop on d6 and erect a carapace which is very tough to crack.

5...c5

5...dxc4 seemed like a good version of a QGA. 6.e3 c5 7.♗xc4 ♘c6 - the hole on b4 could prove significant, as Black will put a knight there later.

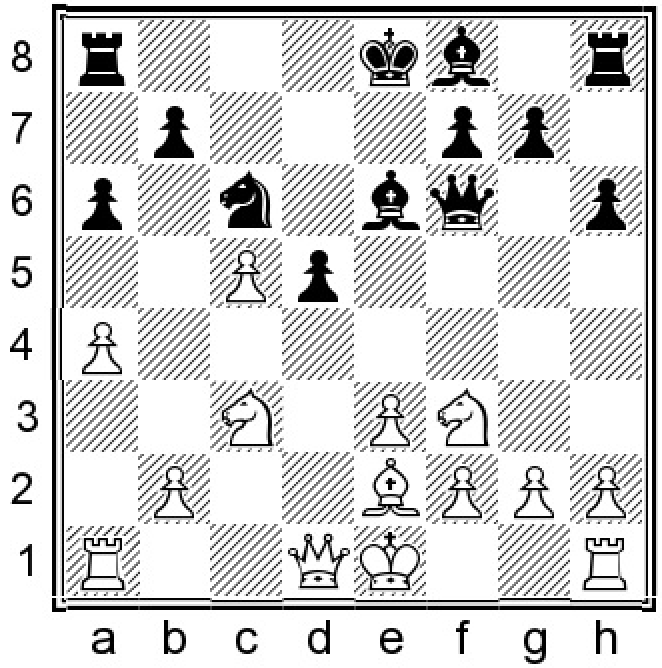
6.cxd5 exd5

Black already missed a trick as 6...cxd4! 7.♘xd4 ♘xd5 should be at least equal for Black and he might be pressing for an advantage. 8.♗d2 ♘b4∓

7.♗g5 ♗e6 8.e3 ♘c6 9.♗e2 h6 10.♗xf6?!

10.♗h4=

10...♕xf6 11.dxc5



11...♗xc5?

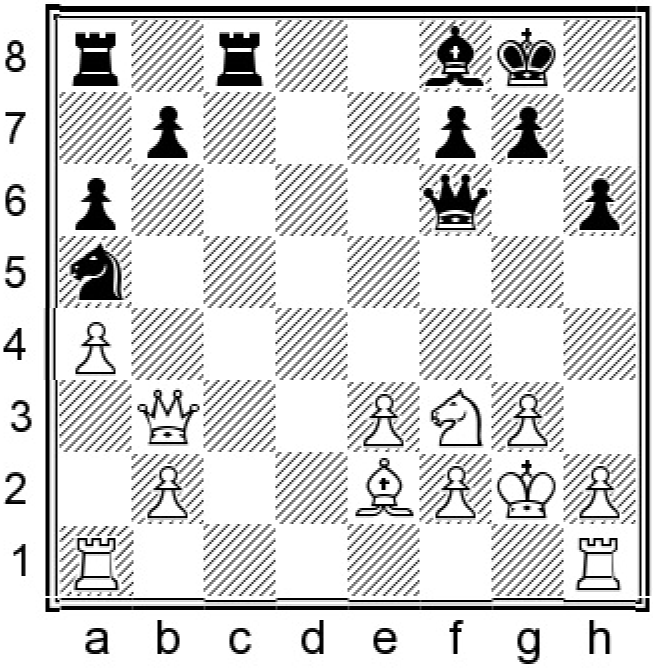
11...♖d8! 12.♘d4 ♗xc5 13.♘xe6 I had seen and felt that it offered White chances of an advantage. Turns out I was wrong... 13...♕xe6 (Even 13...fxe6 is pretty good for Black. I was dreaming of the light Christmas, all the Christmases we had... god that reminds me that awful festival isn't that far off now... 14.O-O O-O∞) 14.♗g4 (14.O-O d4 15.exd4 ♖xd4↑ with a nice initiative for Black.) 14...f5 15.♗h5+ g6 I had missed in my calculations. Fairly obvious stuff. Black will now breakthrough with ...f4 or ...d4 and win the game! 16.♗e2 f4! (16...d4 17.exd4 ♖xd4∓) 17.exf4 d4-+

12.♘xd5 ♗xd5 13.♕xd5 ♗b4+ 14.♔f1 For now the white king is in the centre, but I have won a very important central pawn and am in complete command of the light squares.

14...O-O

14...♕xb2 15.♕e4+ ♔f8 16.♖b1+- Both sides have lost their castling rights and that is the only good news for Black; otherwise moves like g3, Bc4 can be made routinely for White.

15.♕b3 ♖fc8 16.g3 ♗f8 17.♔g2 ♘a5



18.♕d5

I had a feeling during the game that 18.♕a2! was one of the those ugly moves that just work. After all if White can consolidate quickly then I will be completely winning, a pawn up for nothing. The question is how much activity Black gets from the infriltration of the rook to c2.

When I showed this game to Keith Arkell in the restaurant later, he seemed incredulous that I even considered Qa2 when such a good alternative in Qd5 was available. Being a good positional player, he said he would have played Qd5 without even thinking.

Mind you I think some alcohol might have been consumed by this point, which made heavy analysis impossible. 18...♖c2 19.♘d4 ♖xe2 (19...♖d2 20.♖ad1+-) 20.♘xe2 ♕c6+ worried me somewhat during the game as the knight seemed to be swinging into c4, however objective analysis reveals that this is just a bluff. 21.♔g1 ♖d8 22.♘d4 ♕e4 23.♕b1!+-

18...♕xb2 19.♗d3?

19.♘e5! could have lead to a nice geometric win. 19...♕xe2 20.♕xf7+ ♔h8 21.♖a2! and the queen is trapped so that ...Rc2 is forced. 21...♖c2 22.♖xc2 ♕xc2 23.♘g6+ ♔h7 24.♘xf8+ ♔h8 25.♕g6 ♕xg6 26.♘xg6++-

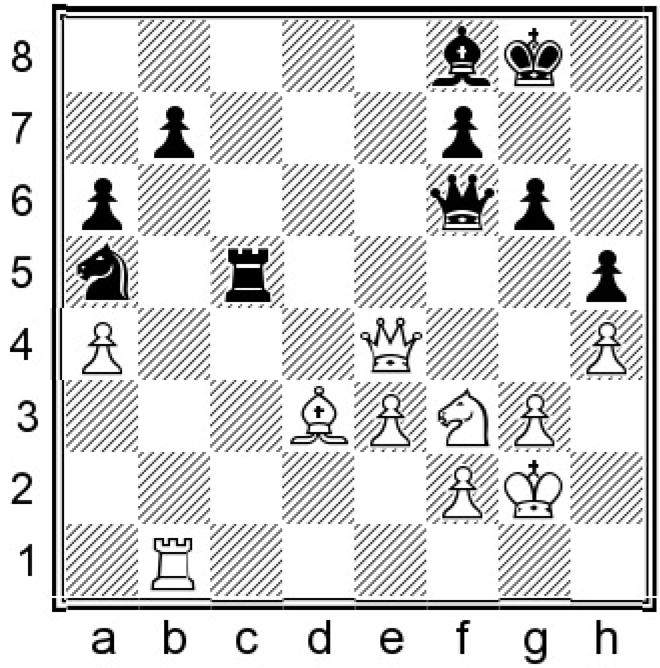
19...♖c5 20.♕e4 g6 21.h4± White is still better as I have the safer king.

21...h5 22.♖ab1?!

22.g4 ♖d8 23.gxh5 ♖xh5 24.♘g5 was one possible way to fight for the edge.

22.♖ad1 planning to try and get a rook to d7, was arguably another better way to play for the initiative.

22...♕f6 23.♖hc1 ♖ac8 24.♖xc5 ♖xc5



25.♘g5 With inaccurate play my advantage has dwindled away for nothing, what was worse was that Richard was now looking bored waiting for my moves, as if I never had anything in the first place. That made me extra determined to keep posing him problems.

25...♕c6?

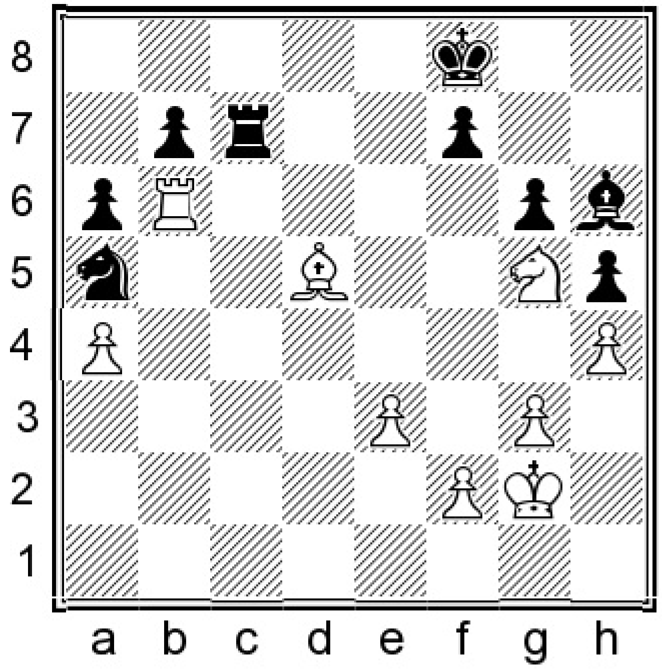
25...♗e7!= held the fort. One idea for Black is that when the queen moves away from f6, Black will threaten to capture on g5 and carry out a favourable exchange.

26.♕xc6 ♖xc6 27.♗e4 ♖c7 28.♗d5 ♗h6?

28...♖d7 29.e4 ♔g7±

29.♖b6! ♔f8

29...♔g7 30.e4 (I think I would have just kept the knight, as indicated before in this report I don't like technical endings much. 30.♘e4+-) 30...♗xg5 31.hxg5 ♘c6 32.f4 Keith said later that this pawn structure is very favourable for White. It is hard to do anything for Black here, the knight can go to d8 but then what? (32.♗xc6? bxc6 (32...♖xc6? 33.♖xc6 (33.♖xb7? these endings are tricky! 33...♖c4=) 33...bxc6 34.e5+-) 33.♖xa6 c5 Black should have enough counterplay to hold.) 32...♔f8 33.♔f3 ♘d4+ 34.♔e3 ♘c6 35.♔d3+- White gradually edges in.



30.♘e4?!

The black pawn structure is very shaky and I could have immediately exploited that factor with 30.♘xf7! ♖xf7 31.♖xg6 ♖h7 didn't seem that clear to me, but White should be able to win h5 easily enough after which the pawns on the kingside become overwhelming. 32.♖f6+ ♔e7 33.♖f5+-

30...♖d7 31.♖d6?!

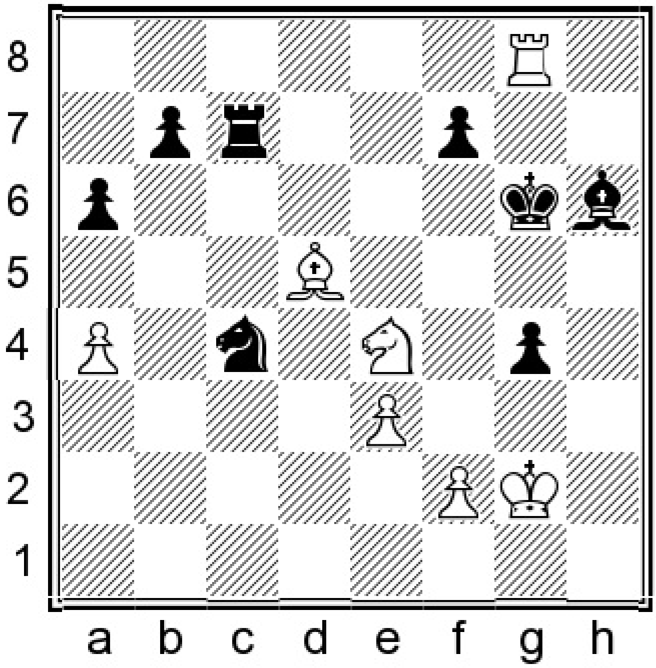
31.♘f6 ♖c7 32.♘xh5 ♗xe3 33.fxe3 gxh5 34.♔f3+-

31...♖c7 32.g4 hxg4 33.h5!? This seemed very promising during the game, and at first the engine thinks this is winning as well. But after thinking for a while it changes its mind and doesn't think this is enough.

33...♘c4! 34.♖d8+

34.♗xc4 ♖xc4=

34...♔g7 35.hxg6 ♔xg6 36.♖g8+



36...♗g7 A sign that he is losing the thread of the game as fatigue sets in. After this game finished Richard had to drive back to Essex, a journey that took him many hours. His kids were also playing in Torquay in the major open, Nina and Max, and both acquited themselves well, as they so often do. However, I think the long nature of the event didn't appeal to Richard and he expressed reservations afterwards about playing in it again.

I had resigned myself to a draw, which would have meant 5½/9 and no prize money whatsoever, which surely would have come if he had found 36...♔f5! 37.♗xc4 ♔xe4 38.♖xg4+=

37.♗xc4 ♖xc4?

37...♔h7! was the last hope. 38.♗xf7 ♖xf7 39.♖b8=

38.♘d6 ♖xa4 39.♘e8 ♔h6

39...♔f5 seemed to offer the best practical chance to save the game, just give up on the kingside and try to use the king to help the pawns. 40.♖xg7 ♔e6 41.♘c7+ ♔e7 42.♘d5+ ♔e6 43.♘f4+ ♔e7 44.♘e2 is fairly trivial for White, once the knight is established on d4.

40.♖xg7 ♖e4 41.♖g8 ♖e6 42.♘c7 ♖c6 43.♘d5 f5 44.♘e7 ♖c5 45.♖g6+ ♔h5 46.♖b6 ♔g5 47.♔g3 a5 48.♖xb7

48.♖g6+ ♔h5 49.♔f4 ♖c4+ 50.♔xf5 ♖c2 51.♖g5+ was also good enough.

48...♔f6 49.♖a7 ♔e6

49...a4 50.♘xf5 (50.♘g8+ ♔e6 51.♖xa4 is also winning of course.) 50...♖xf5 51.♖xa4 ♖f3+ 52.♔xg4 ♖xf2 53.♖f4+ ♖xf4+ 54.♔xf4 ♔e6 55.♔e4+- and White gains the opposition.

50.♘g6 ♖b5 51.♘f4+ ♔d6 52.♘e2 ♔e5 53.♘d4 f4+ 54.♔xg4 ♖d5 55.♔f3 1-0

Danny Gormally, BCC 2022; Pictures by Brendan O'Gorman

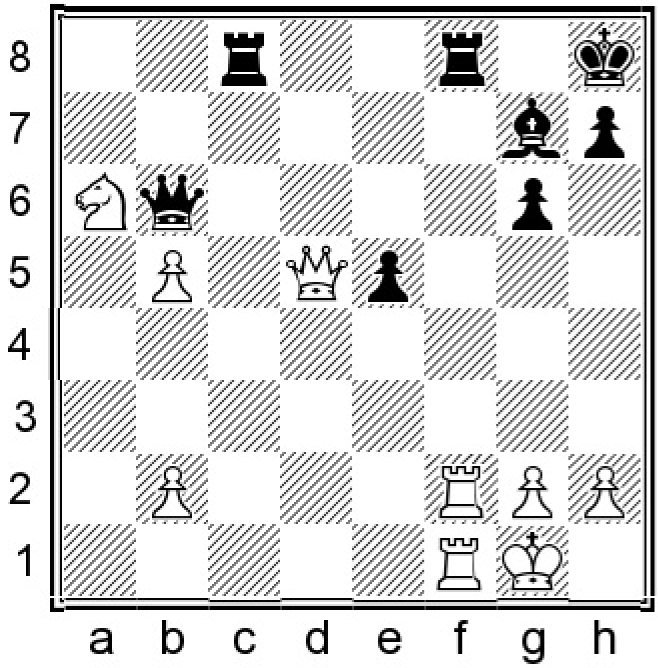
The Pre-Tournament Favourite

Despite the last round win I didn't win much, only around GBP 350. Six prizes for a national championships doesn't seem like enough, although in truth this is not a new development; because as a professional chess player in the 21st century your main income is likely to not come from playing in chess tournaments, but to originate from outside sources. After the tournament had finished and the prize giving had been completed a few of us retired to one of the restuarants near the seafront, where copious quantities of alcohol were naturally consumed and fantastic amounts of food were ordered. It is in moments like this, when chessplayers gather around a chess set and someone shows off their game, that friendships are forged forever. Or at least for a few weeks.

Pre-tournament favourite and defending champion Nick Pert had reason to be slightly annoyed at his result. 7/9 would normally be good enough for at least a playoff, but Harry Grieve turned around a bad position in the final round against Matthew Wadsworth and achieved an unreachable target for everyone else of 7½/9. Although I had some sympathy for Nick, this also just showed the variance of tournament play and how solid and consistent players can often be ground down by the sheer numbers. I once scored 7½/9 in a Scottish championship but this wasn't enough, as Murad Abdullah lost to me but won every other game and scored 8/9.

To let off some steam, Nick showed off a game in an early round that he had played against David Eggleston, who was also present at the table.

Eggleston, David (2331) - Pert, Nicholas (2537)
Great Britain (ch), 2022



30.g3 White is under some pressure so this is an understandable reaction, creating luft for his king.

30...e4?

He had correctly deduced that 30...♖c2? should have been resisted. 31.♘c5! ♕xc5 32.♕xc5 ♖xc5 33.♖xf8+=

Nick, hypnotised by the pin on the f-file, did not even consider the crushing 30...♖fd8! which is indeed a tough find. The main point is that the white queen is chased away from its dominant position on d5, after which the construction on the queenside looks much more shaky. David however said that he had seen this-perhaps not surprising, as he thinks like a computer. 31.♕b3 (31.♕e4 ♕xb5-+) 31...e4 32.♔g2 e3 33.♖e2 ♖d2-+

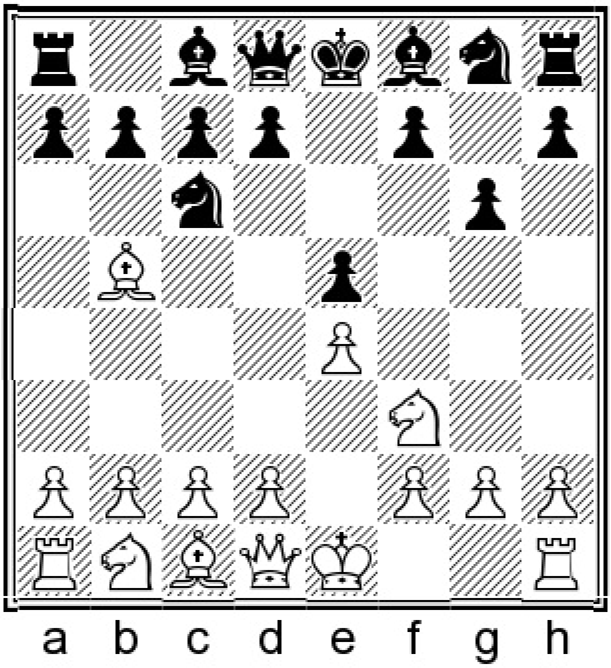
31.♔g2 David offered a draw, and short of time Nick accepted. **1/2-1/2**

UNDERSTANDING THE OPENINGS

By GM Nigel Davies

RUY LÓPEZ WITH 3...G6 [C60]

Part I



The Ruy Lopez with 3...g6 has historically been thought of as a solid third move alternative for Black, having found favour with such chess luminaries as Vassily Smyslov, Boris Spassky and others. Black's kingside fianchetto serves to support and protect the e5-pawn, giving him a solid central outpost and potential counterplay on the h8-a1 diagonal. In positions in which White subsequently closes the centre, with d5, Black's g6 pawn can also support a King's Indian style counterattack with ...f5.

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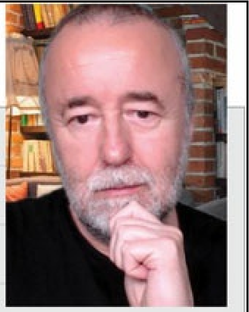


White's most principled approach is to attempt to build and maintain a pawn centre with 4.c3 after which Black has traditionally played 4...a6 5.♗a4 d6 6.d4 ♗d7, transposing into a Deferred Steinitz Variation that is normally reached via the moves 3...a6 4.♗a4 d6 5.c3 ♗d7 6.d4 g6.

More recently some aggressive players, notably Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, have experimented with (3...g6) 4.c3 a6 5.♗a4 ♗g7 6.d4 ed4 7.cd4 b5 8.♗b3 d6, which lends the game an altogether different character. This treatment is particularly attractive because it gives Black an option against 4.d4 ed4

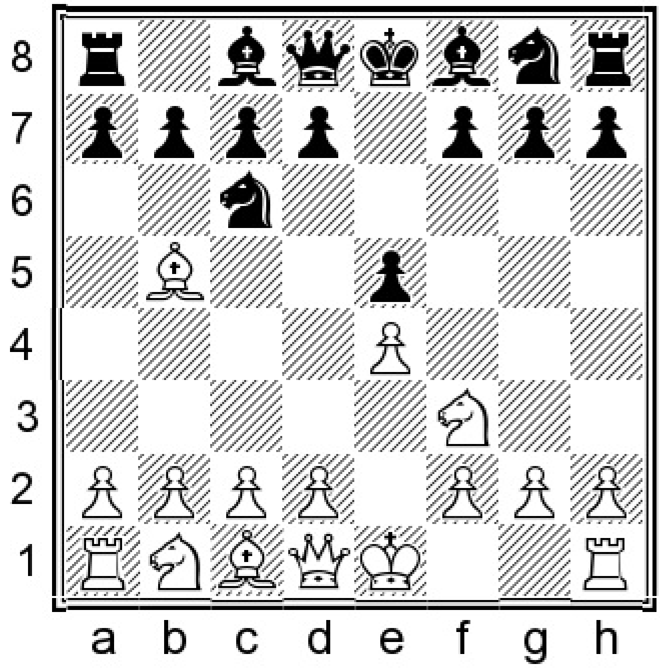
5.c3 in that 5...a6 6.♗a4 ♗g7 7.cd4 b5 transposes into it. Black can also meet 4.c3 a6 5.♗c4 with 5...♗g7 6.d4 ed4 7.cd4 b5, once again with a transposition after 8.♗b3 d6.

I have divided this survey into two parts, this first section examining White's alternatives to 4.c3 plus 4.c3 a6 5.♗c6 and 5.♗c4.

Next time we shall examine the 5.♗a4 line, including Black's two main treatments of 5...d6 and 5...♗g7.

4.♗c6

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5



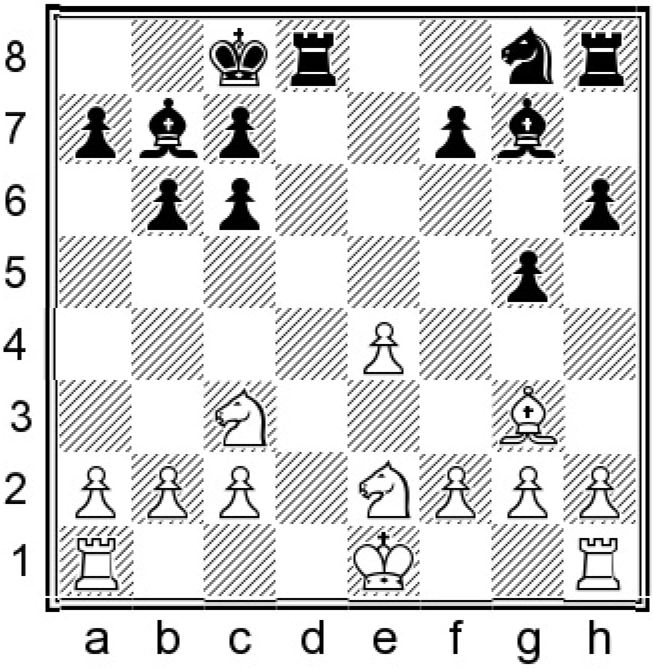
3...g6 4.♗xc6

A move which is analogous to the Exchange Variation with 3...a6 4.Bc6. Fortunately for Black his 3...g6 is far more useful than a move of the a-pawn.

4...dxc6 5.d4

Keeping the centre closed with 5.d3 is rather innocuous, and after 5...♗g7 6.♘c3 ♘e7 7.♗e3 f5↑ Black even captured the initiative in Petenyi,Tamas 2444 - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2820, Porto Carras 2018

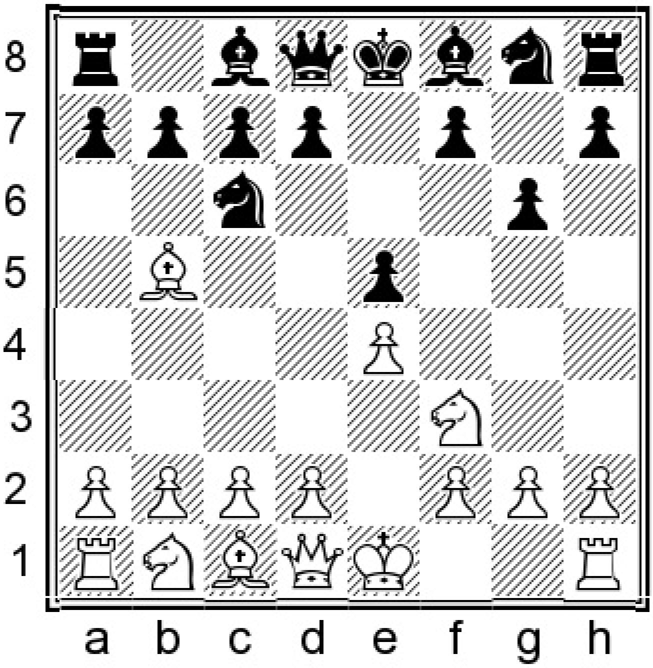
5...exd4 6.♕xd4 ♕xd4 7.♘xd4 ♗g7 8.♘e2 b6 9.♘bc3 ♗b7 10.♗g5 h6 11.♗h4 g5 12.♗g3 O-O-O∓



Position was nice for Black in Lewtak,Damian 2379 - Dragnev,Valentin 2511, Skopje 2019

4.♘c3

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6

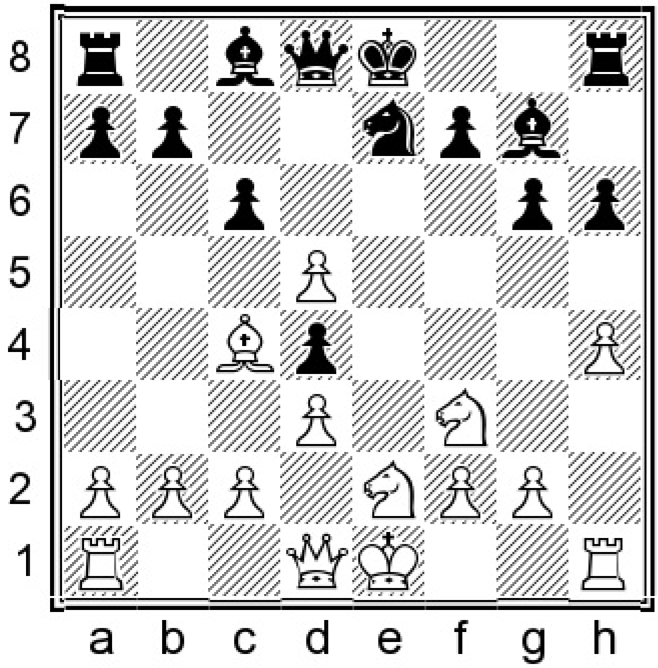


4.♘c3

As with 4.♗xc6 this is also quite innocuous.

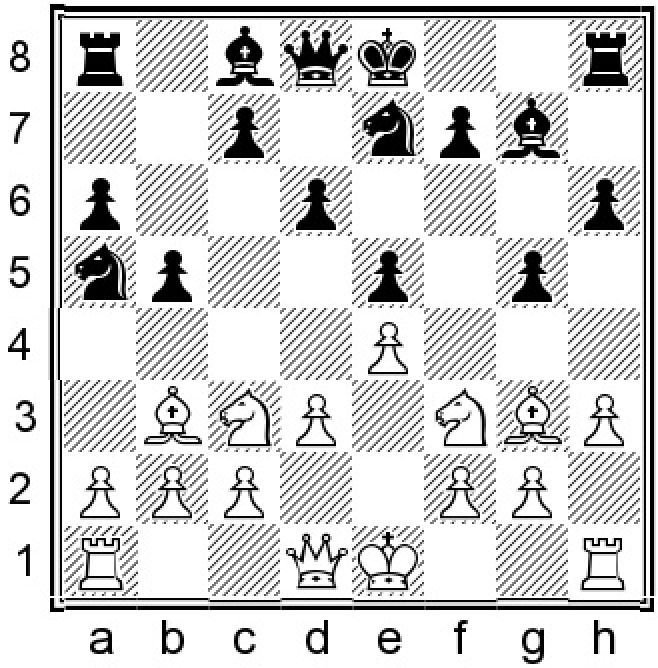
4...♗g7 5.d3 ♘ge7 6.♗g5

6.h4 h6 7.♗e3 ♘d4 8.♗c4 c6 9.♗xd4 exd4 10.♘e2 d5 11.exd5



11...♘xd5∓ gave Black excellent play in Aldokhin,Ivan 2413 - Mikhalevski,Victor 2560, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020

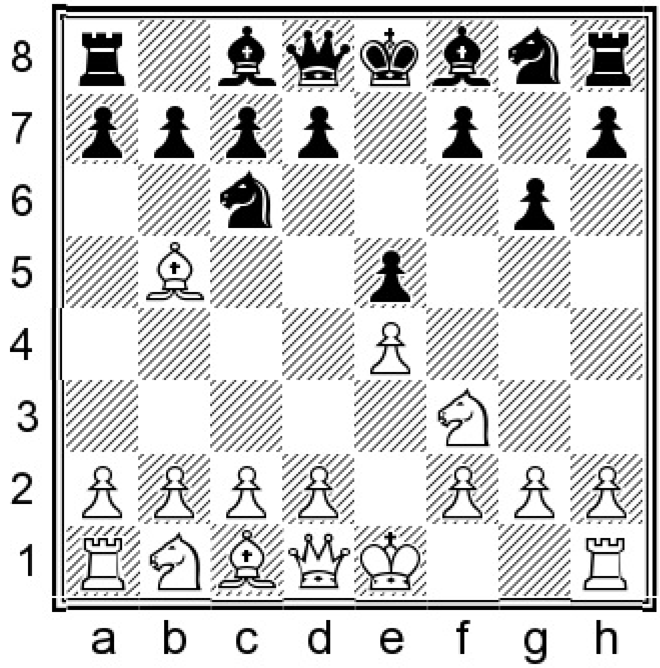
6...h6 7.♗h4 g5 8.♗g3 d6 9.h3 a6 10.♗a4 b5 11.♗b3 ♘a5∓



Saw Black gain a useful bishop pair in Rajna,George 2405 - Smyslov,Vassily 2605, Szolnok 1975 - 20/278

4.d4/5.♘d4

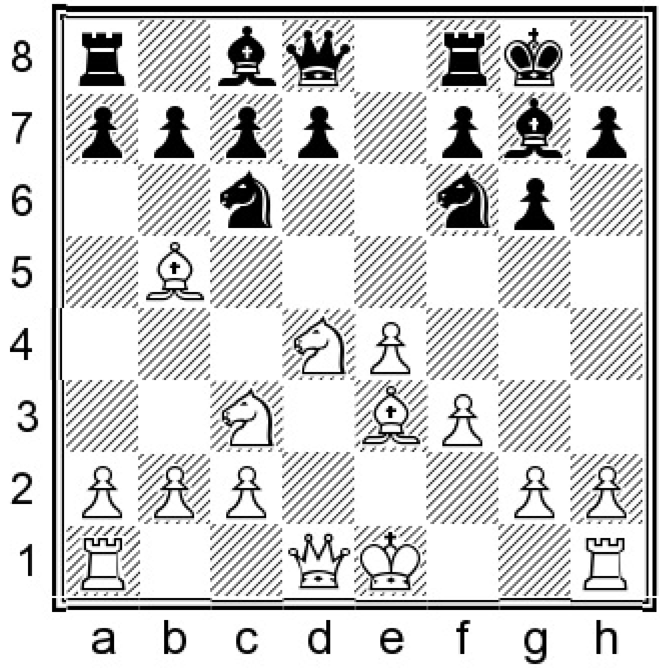
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6



4.d4

This is quite a dangerous move, but only in conjunction with 5.Bg5 or 5.c3.

4...exd4 5.♘xd4 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♘c3 O-O 8.f3

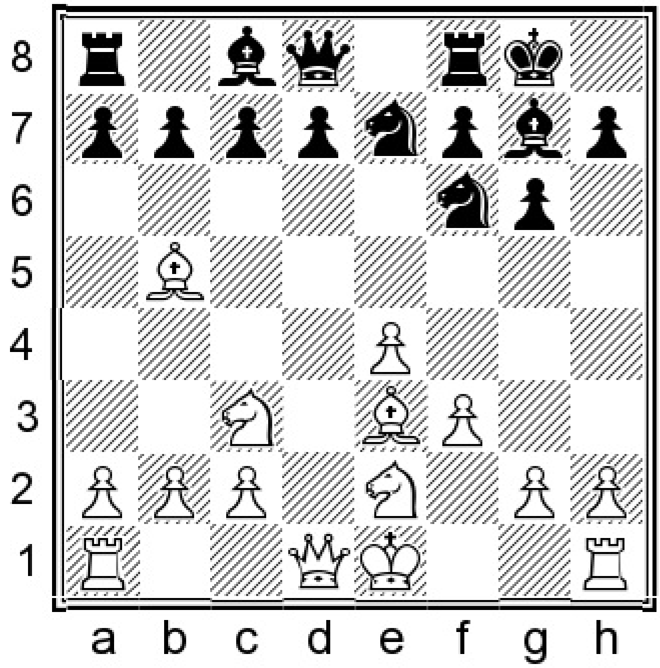


8...♘e7! A nice move, simply intending ...d5.

9.♘de2

Alternatively White has tried 9.♕d2 but it also gives Black easy play, for example: 9...d5 10.e5 ♘d7

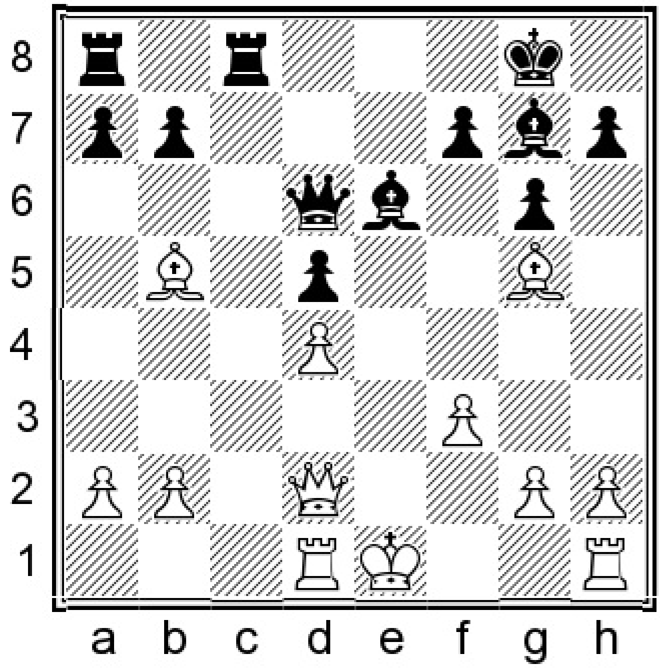
11.e6 ♘e5 12.exf7+ ♘xf7∓ gave Black excellent play in Christensen,Stefan 2221 - Beliavsky,Alexander 2668, Kobenhavn 2003



9...d5! 10.exd5 ♘fxd5 11.♗g5

On 11.♗c5 Smyslov suggested an exchange sacrifice with 11...c6 12.♘xd5 ♘xd5 13.♗xf8 ♗xf8-+, with very good play on the dark squares.

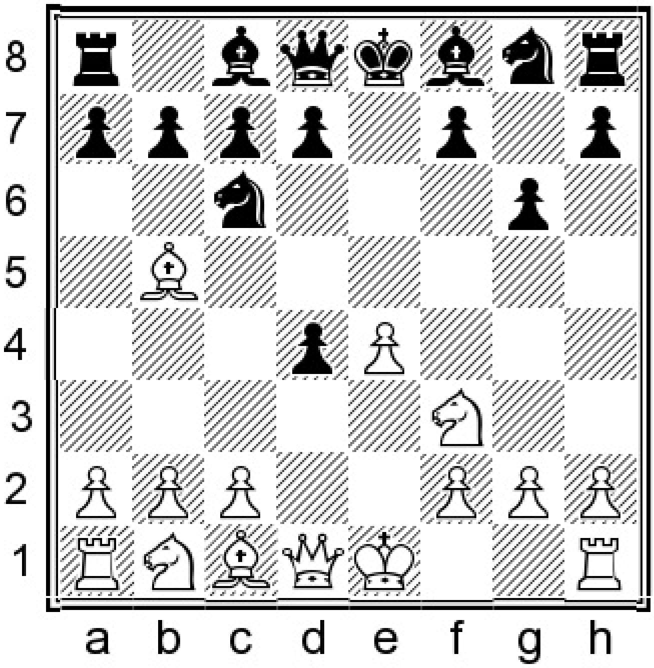
11...c6 12.♘xd5 cxd5 13.c3 ♕d6 14.♕d2 ♘c6 15.♖d1 ♗e6 16.♘d4 ♘xd4 17.cxd4 ♖fc8↑



Black had the initiative in Dueckstein,Andreas 2375 - Smyslov,Vassily 2530, Bad Woerishofen 1991 - 53/318

5.c3

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.d4 exd4



5.c3

This is actually one of the most dangerous lines for Black who needs to know what he's doing. White is sacrificing a pawn in a similar way to the Danish or Scotch Gambits, but relies on Black's slow ...g6 to accentuate his initiative.

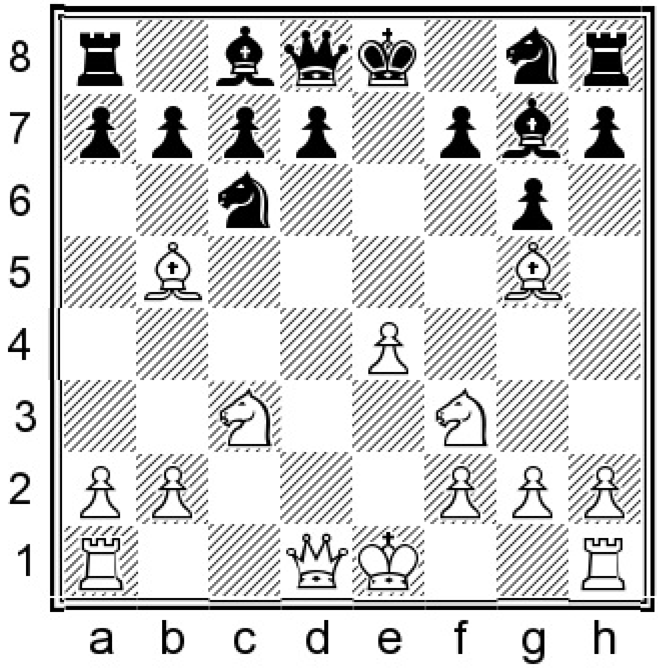
5...dxc3

Those who are willing to play 4.c3 a6 5.Ba4 Bg7 6.d4 ed4 7.cd4 b5 have a way to transpose into this here with 5...a6!? 6.♗a4 (6.♗e2?! was played in Ismagambetov,Anuar 2520 - Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2789, chess.com (Internet-rapid) 2021; although it is too passive to be a threat to Black it seems solid enough.; 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.cxd4 transposes into 4.c3 a6 5.Bc6 dc6 6.d4 ed4 7.cd4; 6.♗c4 b5 7.♗b3 ♗g7 8.cxd4 d6 also leads us back, by transposition.) 6...♗g7 (6...b5) 7.cxd4 b5 8.♗c2 (Or 8.♗b3 d6) 8...d6 This will be considered in the next installment.

6.♘xc3 ♗g7

In Shomoev,Anton 2565 - Demchenko,Anton 2592, Olongapo City 2015, Black toughed it out with 6...h6 7.O-O ♗g7 8.♗d2 ♘ge7♾, just arguing that he has no real weaknesses and it's up to White to show he has enough compensation. Admittedly this is not everyone's cup of tea, but there's definitely a case for playing this way given that the main line is far from comfortable.

7.♗g5



7...f6?! This had been established as the answer to 5.c3, but analysis by Alexander Khalifman questioned its validity after which the entire line was subject to debate. Glenn Flear, in his article, would later suggest that putting either knight on e7 was fine for Black, but here too life is far from comfortable.

For example: 7...♘ce7 8.O-O h6 9.♗h4 ♘f6 10.e5 ♘h7 11.♕c2 g5 12.♗g3± left Black with a miserable position in Kulaots,Kaido 2538 - Gretarsson,Helgi Ass 2406, Tallinn (rapid) 2019

7...♘ge7 8.♘d5 h6 9.♗f6 ♗xf6 10.♘xf6+ ♔f8 11.♕d2± also gives Black a difficult position to defend.

8.♗f4 ♘e5 9.♕d4 White's most dangerous line.

9.♘d4 fails to trouble Black much after 9...c6 10.♗e2 ♘e7, as in Prasad,Devaki 2460 - Smyslov,Vassily 2540, Kolkata 1995 - 63/281

9...♘xf3+

Black has an alternative in 9...♘c6, for example: 10.♕d2 ♘ge7 11.♘d5 ♘xd5 12.exd5 ♕e7+ 13.♔f1 ♘e5= was already nice for Black in Voicu-Jagodzinsky,Carmen 2286 - Malaniuk,Vladimir 2511, Odessa 2006

Other moves seem very dangerous for Black, for example: 9...a6 10.♘xe5!? axb5 11.♘xb5↑

and 9...c6 10.♘xe5 fxe5 (10...cxb5 11.♘f3) 11.♗xe5 ♘f6 12.♗c4↑, with a powerful initiative.

10.gxf3 ♘e7

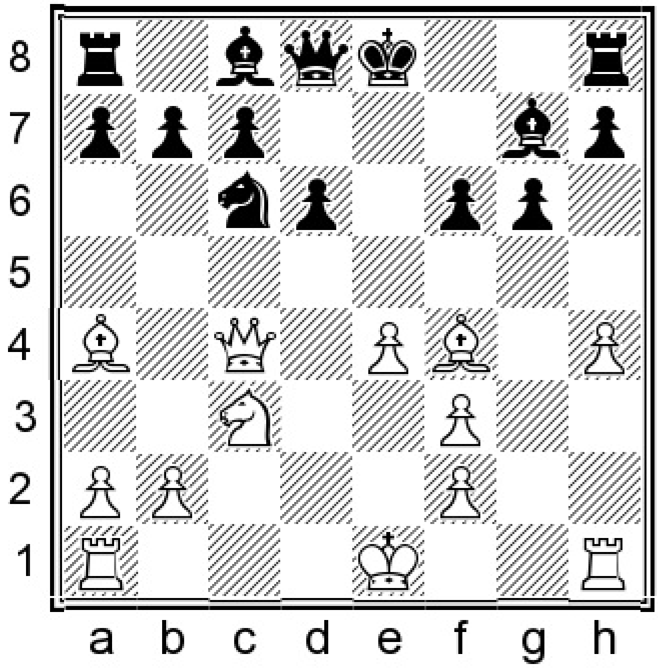
10...c6 11.♗c4 just drives the bishop to a better square.

11.♗a4 ♘c6

11...O-O? 12.♕c4+ ♔h8 13.♗xc7+- is just bad for Black.

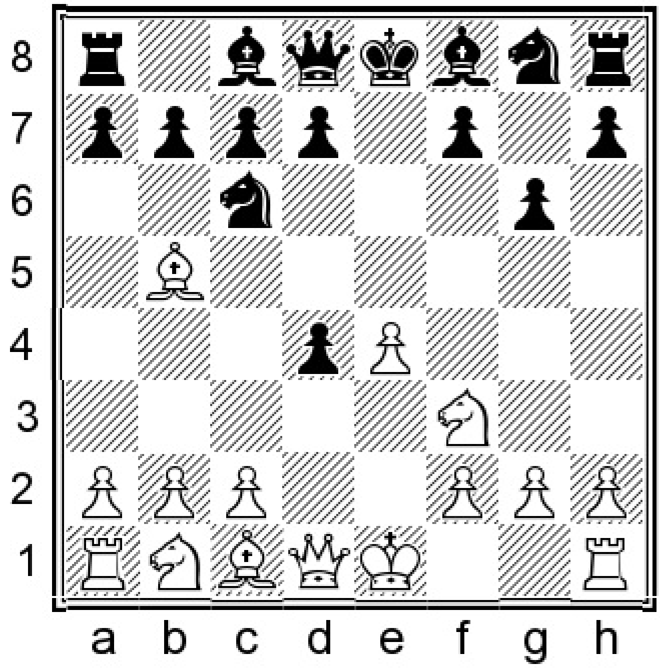
But 11...a6 12.♗b3± d6 is worth considering - it's by no means easy for White to create a breach in Black's position.

12.♕c4 d6 Was Mataigne,Jean Michel 2079 - Vul,Arkadi 2311, Cappelle-la-Grande 2010 - 108/(83), and now **13.h4±** [rather than 13.Nd5] would have been very dangerous for Black.



5.♗g5/6.♗f4

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.d4 exd4



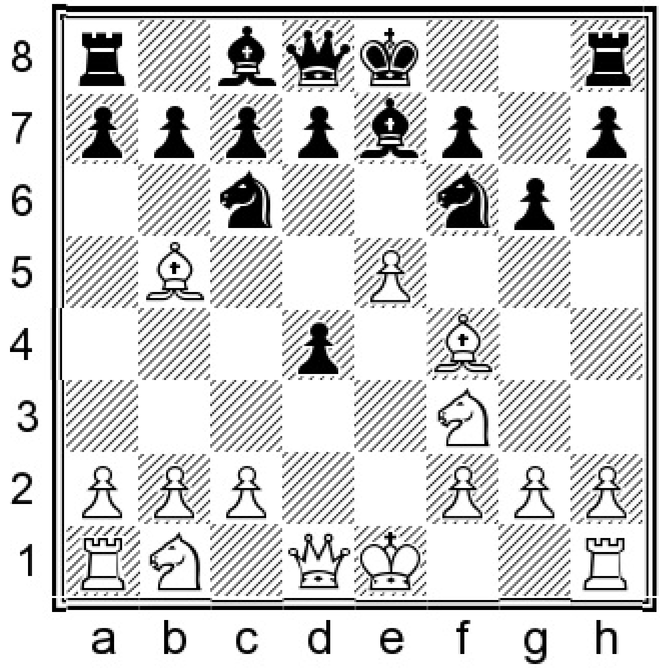
5.♗g5 ♗e7 Clearly the best move for Black.

5...f6 6.♗h4 ♗g7 7.O-O ♘ge7 8.♗c4 ♘a5 9.♕xd4 ♘ec6 10.♕d5± led to a difficult position for Black in Nunn,John 2585 - Davies, Nigel 2460, Hastings 1987/88 - 45/369

6.♗f4!? ♘f6

Black has an alternative in 6...a6, but this was somewhat better for White after 7.♗xc6 (7.♗a4 ♘f6 8.♕e2 O-O 9.♘bd2 b5 10.♗b3 ♘a5 11.e5 ♘h5 12.♗h6 ♘g7 13.♘xd4 ♗b7 14.♘4f3 d5 15.c3 ♘xb3 16.♘xb3 c5∞ Short,Nigel 2620 - Ivanovic, Bozidar 2535, Beograd 1987 - 44/(398)) 7...dxc6 8.♕xd4 ♘f6 9.♘c3 O-O 10.O-O-O± as in Nikolic,Milos 2279 - Mikhalevski,Victor 2565, Porto Carras 2018

7.e5

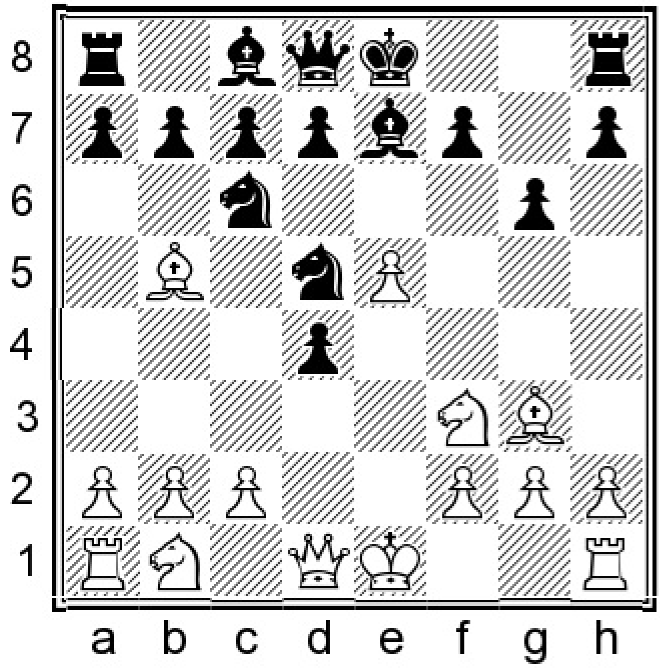


7...♘d5!? Black intends ...Nb6.

7...♘h5 is reputed to be bad after 8.♗h6 a6 9.♗a4 b5 10.♗b3 but after 10...d6 (10...d5 was less good in Perenyi,Bela 2270 - Borloy,Zoltan, Magyarorszag 1977 - 24/ (253)) 11.♘xd4 ♘xe5 12.♗d5 ♗d7 13.♗xa8 ♕xa8 14.O-O g5 Black intends ... Nf4 with compensation for the exchange.

8.♗h6

8.♗g3 is well met by

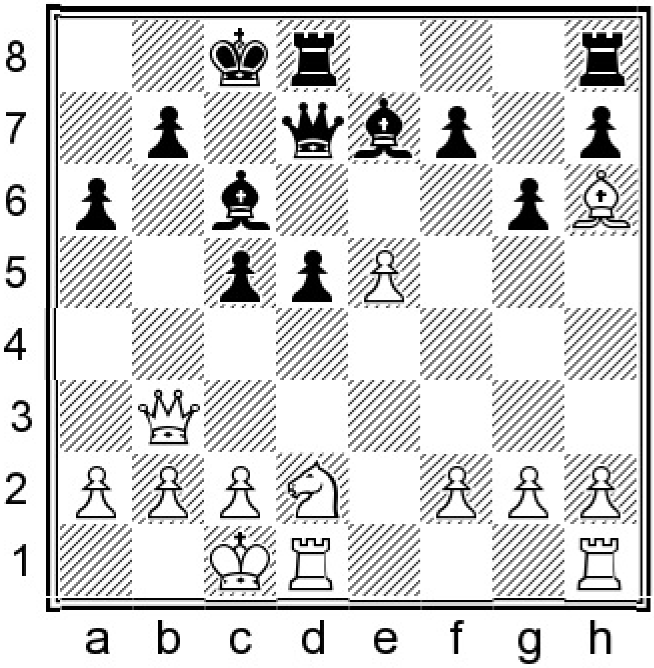


8...h5!, for example: 9.h4 a6 10.♗xc6 dxc6 11.♕xd4 c5∓ followed by ...Be6 leaves the bishop on g3 in a sorry state.

8...a6 9.♗a4 ♘b6 10.♗b3 d5 11.♘xd4 ♘xd4 12.♕xd4 c5 13.♗a4+ ♘xa4 14.♕xa4+ ♗d7

14...♕d7∞ also seems fine, as in Gabdrakhmanov,Azat 2328 - Salemgareev,Tagir 2461, Chelyabinsk 2020

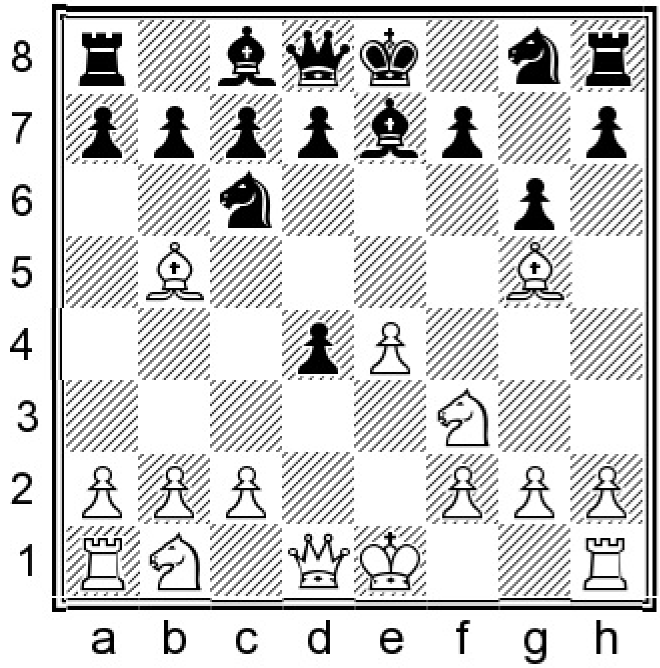
15.♕b3 ♗c6 16.♘d2 ♕d7 17.O-O-O O-O-O∞



Sax,Gyula 2570 - Radulov,Ivan 2430, Warszawa (zt) 1987 - 44/(389)

6.h4

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.d4 exd4 5.♗g5 ♗e7

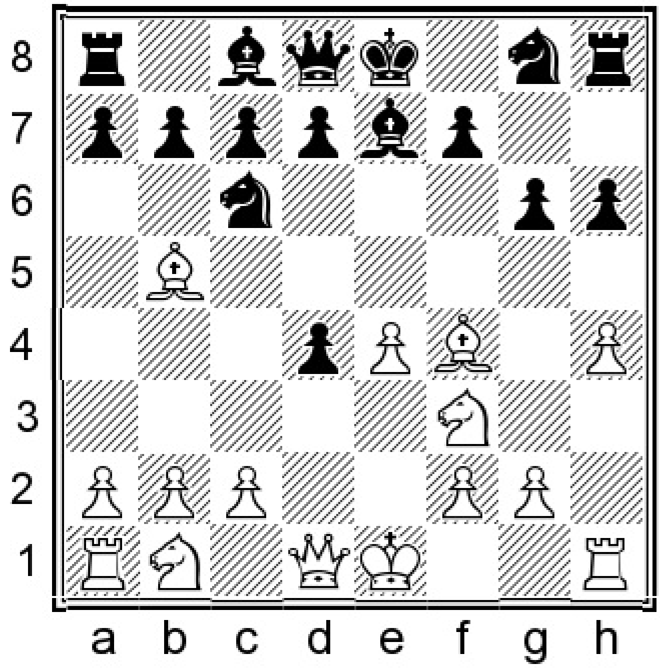


6.h4!?

A dynamic approach, keeping the bishop on g5, but Black can obtain excellent counterplay.

6...♘f6

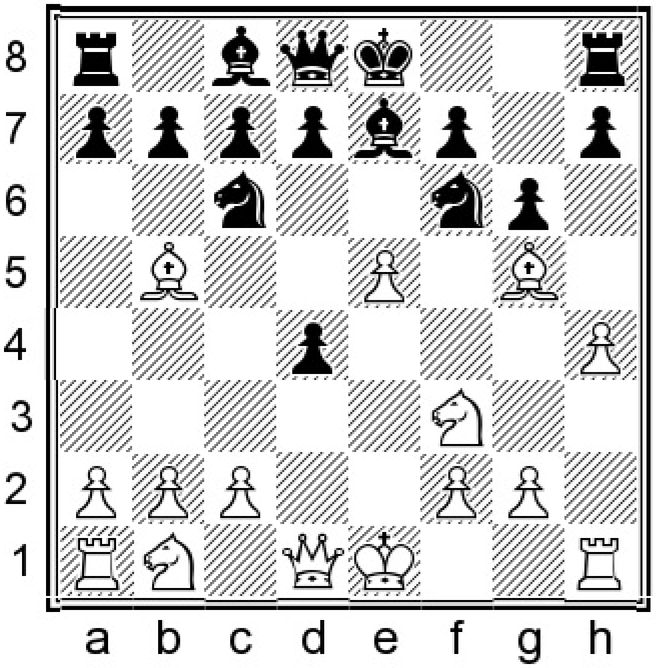
Black has a good alternative in 6...h6 after which 7.♗f4



7...♘f6! 8.♘xd4 ♘xe4 9.O-O would have been fine for Black had he now played just 9...O-O!, for example: (Rather than 9...♘c5? 10.♘c3 ♘e6 11.♘xe6 dxe6 12.♕f3 ♗d7 13.♖ad1± Akopian,Vladimir - Giorgadze,Giorgi 2350, USSR 1987 - 45/(369)) 10.♗xh6 ♖e8 11.h5 ♘xd4 12.♕xd4 ♗f6∓

7.e5

7.♘bd2 O-O 8.♕e2 a6 9.♗xc6 dxc6 10.e5 ♘g4∓ was nice for Black in Zavgorodniy,Sergiy 2418 - Artemiev,Vladislav 2709, tornelo.com (Internet-rapid) 2021

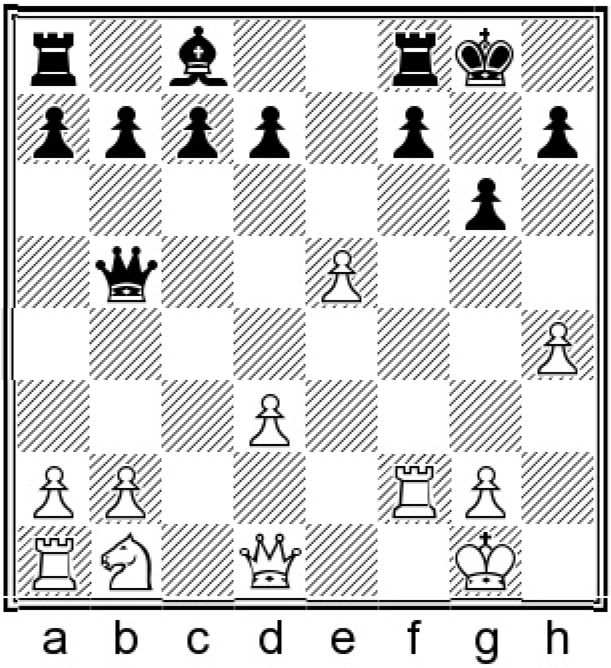


7...♘g4! The engines indicate that this is Black's best, despite the knight appearing to be out on a limb.

The alternatives are not quite as testing but also seem OK: 7...♘d5 8.♗xc6 dxc6 9.♕xd4 f6! 10.exf6 ♗xf6 11.♗xf6 ♕xf6=;

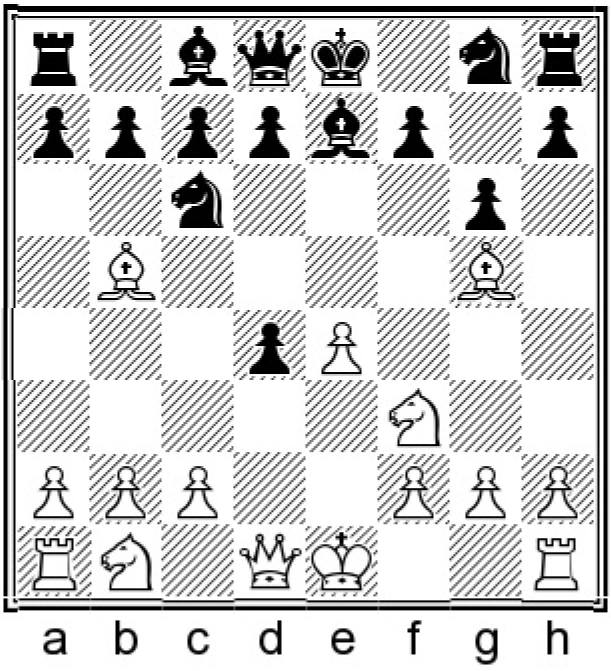
7...♘e4 8.♘bd2!? (8.♗xe7 ♕xe7 9.O-O O-O) 8...♘xg5! (8...♘c5 9.♘b3!) 9.hxg5 a6 10.♗a4 and now Black should play the cold-blooded 10...O-O∓ (10...d6 11.♘xd4 ♗d7 12.♘xc6 ♗xc6?! 13.♗xc6+ bxc6 14.♕f3± was good for White in Kovalev,Andrei 2567 - Ajrapetjan,Yuriy 2395, Alushta 2005 - 95/232)

8.♗xe7 ♕xe7 9.O-O ♘cxe5 10.♘xe5 ♘xe5 11.f4 ♕c5 12.fxe5 d3+ 13.♖f2 ♕xb5 14.cxd3 O-O= Followed by 15...d6 gives Black full equality.



6.♗e7

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.d4 exd4 5.♗g5 ♗e7



6.♗xe7 ♕xe7

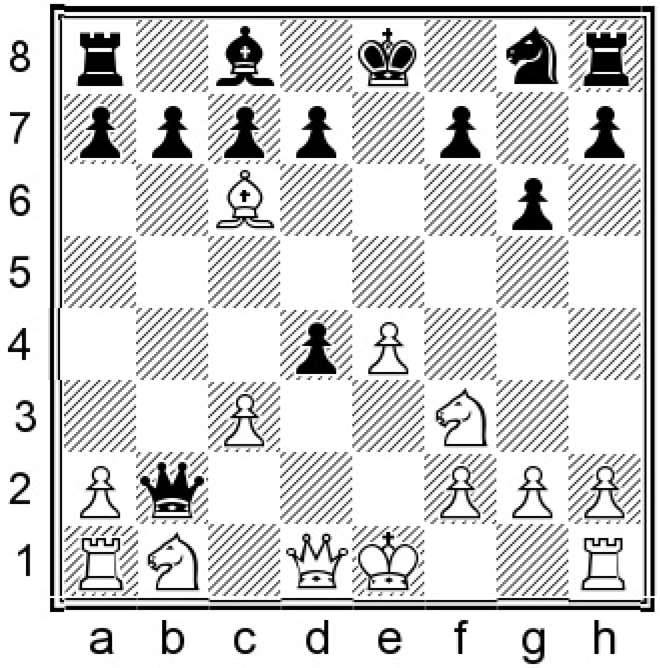
6...♘gxe7 is also playable but seems to give White more chances of an edge. For example: 7.♘xd4 d5 (7...O-O 8.♘c3 d5 9.♗xc6!? bxc6 10.♘b3! dxe4 11.♘xe4± was Smirin,Ilia 2615 - Sokolov,Ivan 2650, Wijk aan Zee 1994 - 59/ 353) 8.♘c3 dxe4 9.♗xc6+ ♘xc6 10.♘xc6 ♕xd1+ 11.♖xd1 bxc6 12.♘xe4 ♗f5 13.O-O!± was Nunn,John 2575 - Salov,Valery 2645, Skelleftea 1989 - 48/434

7.♗xc6

After 7.O-O Black's best seems to be 7...♘f6, for example: 8.e5 ♘h5 9.♖e1 O-O 10.c3 (10.♘bd2 ♖d8∓ Timoshenko,Georgy 2530 - Giorgadze, Giorgi 2440, USSR 1989 - 47/(398); In his notes to the game Galdunts,Sergey 2440 - Giorgadze,Giorgi 2470, Podolsk 1989 - 48/433, Galdunts claimed that after 10.♗xc6!? dxc6 11.♕xd4 ♗f5 12.♘c3 ♖fd8 13.♕e3 the move 13...♗xc2 is an error because of 14.♘d4 ♗f5 15.♘xf5 gxf5 16.♕h6 ♘g7 17.♖e3 The engine disagrees, pointing out a simple answer in 17...♕e6= with full equality.) 10...d5 11.cxd4 ♗g4⇄ gave Black adequate counterplay in Volokitin, Andrei 2627 - Harikrishna,Penteala 2748, Douglas 2019

7...dxc6

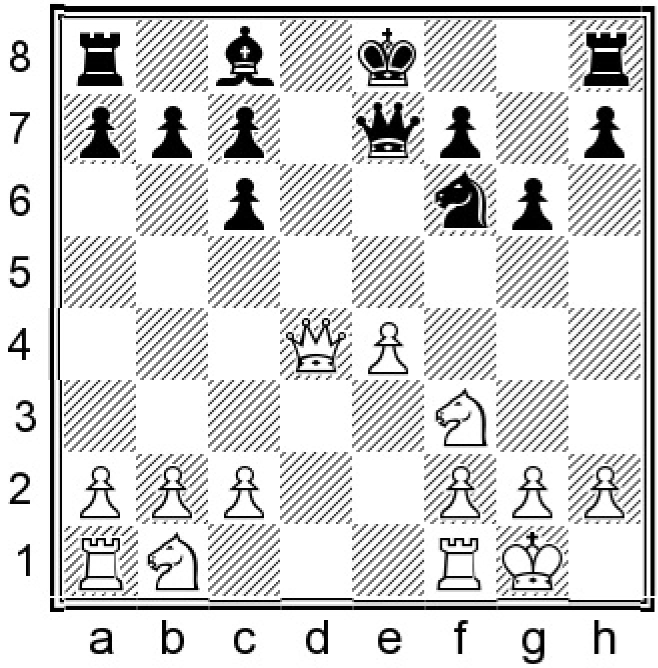
There is an interesting attempt to complicate matters with 7...♕b4+ but White gets the better of the complications after 8.c3 ♕xb2



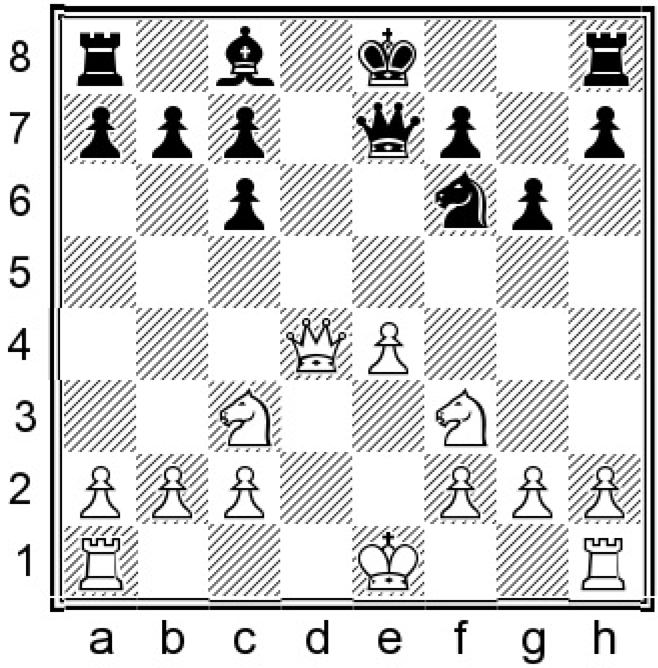
9.♗d5! (9.O-O wasn't quite as strong in Smikovski,Ivan 2498 - Ajrapetjan,Yuriy 2423, Moscow 2005 - 95/(232)) 9...♕xa1 (9...dxc3 10.♕d4 ♕xa1 11.O-O f6 12.♘xc3+-) 10.O-O ♕b2 (10...♘e7 11.♕d2+-) 11.♕xd4 f6 12.♗b3→ with a massive attack for the sacrificed exchange.

8.♕xd4 ♘f6 9.♘c3

9.O-O

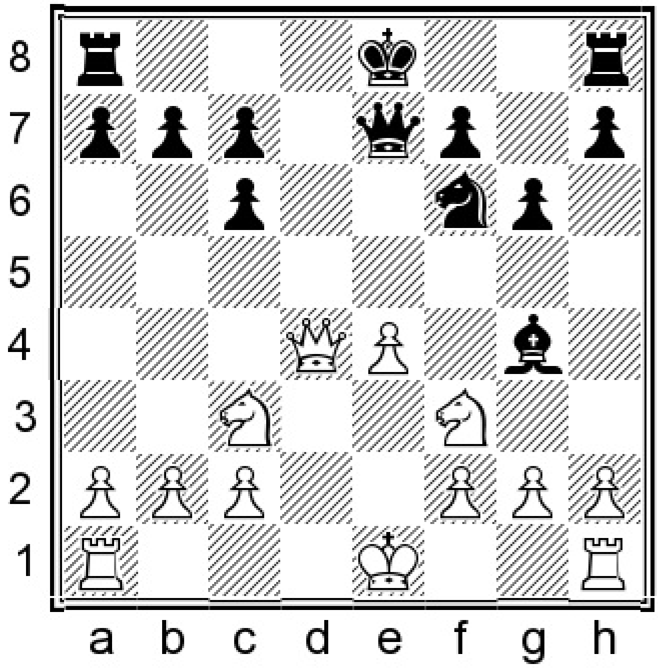


9...c5!? 10.♕e5 ♕xe5 11.♘xe5 ♗e6 12.♘c3 O-O-O= was fine for Black in Psakhis,Lev 2570 - Giorgadze,Giorgi 2525, Debrecen 1992 - 56/(351); Black has more activity than in a standard Exchange Ruy Lopez endgame.



9...♗g4!

9...O-O is also reasonable but probably less accurate, for example Sax,Gyula 2570 - Smyslov,Vassily 2550, New York (open) 1987 - 44/(389)



10.O-O-O! Probably White's best.

The alternatives being as follows: 10.♕e5 ♗xf3 11.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 12.gxf3 ♘h5 takes aim at the f4-square, with good play for Black.

10.♘d2 avoids doubled pawns but after 10...c5 11.♕e3 (11.♕d3 ♗d7!) 11...O-O-O 12.h3 ♗e6 (12...♗d7!?) 13.O-O-O b6 (13...♘d7 14.♘b3 ♖he8 15.♖he1± was a bit better for White in Saltaev,Mihail 2460 - Giorgadze,Giorgi 2525, Manila (ol) 1992 - 55/322) 14.♖he1 ♔b8 15.f4 ♗c8 16.e5 ♘d5 17.♘xd5 ♖xd5 18.♘e4 ♗b7 gave Black a comfortable game in Hansen,Eric 2606 - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2776, Oslo 2022

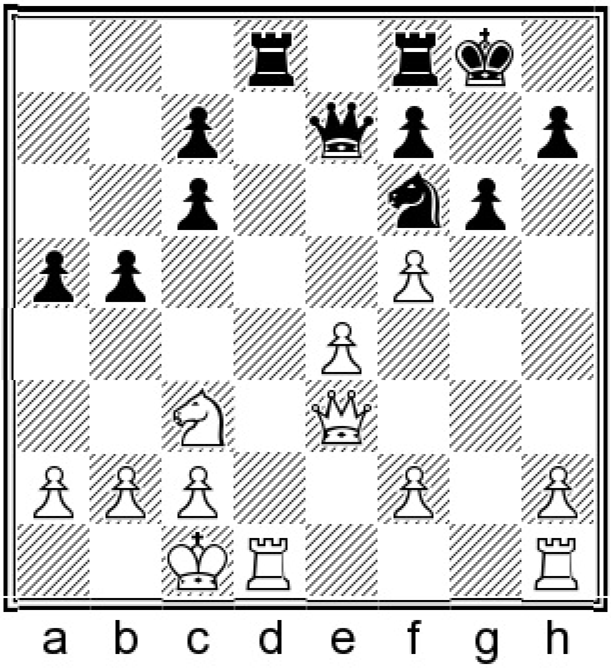
10...♗xf3 11.gxf3 O-O

11...a5!? is also interesting, as in Bernadskiy,Vitaliy 2629 - Predojevic,Borki 2601, Srbija 2020 - 146/111

12.♕e3 a5

12...♘h5 was played in Luther,Thomas 2495 - Dautov,Rustem 2595, Bad Lauterberg 1991 - 53/319, but is probably less flexible.

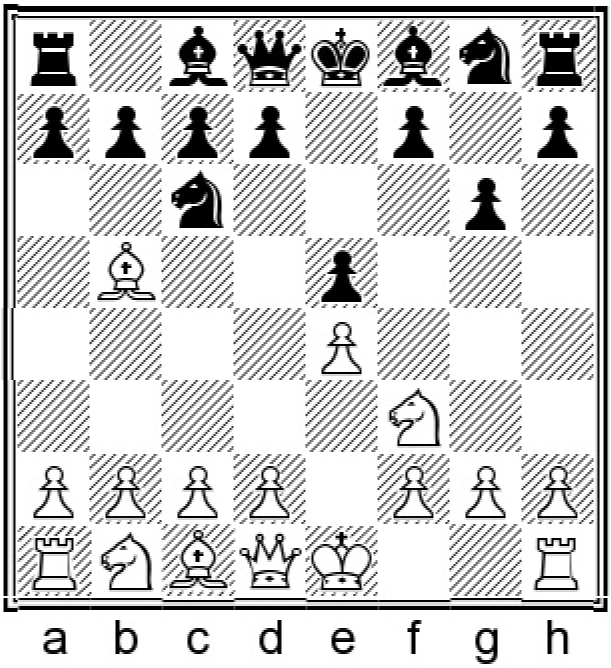
13.f4 ♖ad8 14.f5 b5∞



Leads to a double edged game in which Black's chances are no worse.

4.c3/5.♗c6

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6



4.c3 a6 5.♗xc6 A natural move, not losing time with the bishop, yet this doesn't seem to be particularly threatening for Black because the centre White sets up can be pressured.

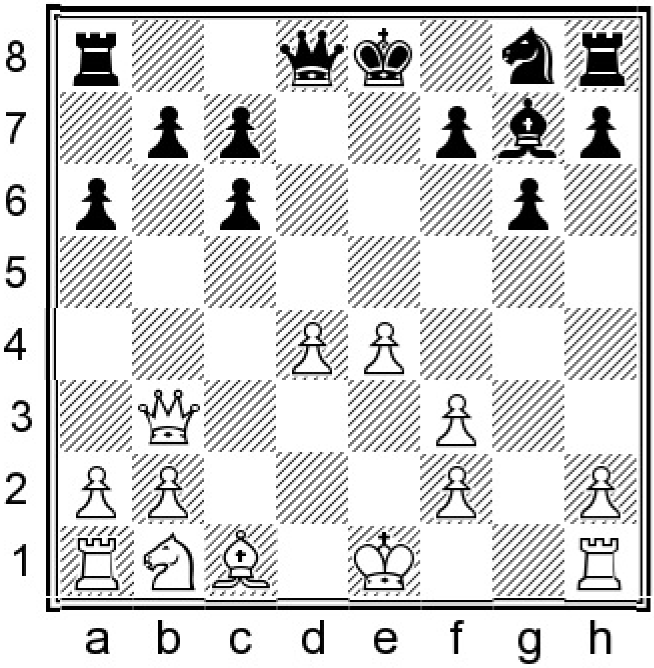
5...dxc6 6.d4

6.O-O ♗g7 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 ♘e7= Chandler,Murray 2535 - Spassky, Boris 2610, Wien 1986 - 41/376

6...exd4 7.cxd4 ♗g4 The most challenging continuation, trying to put pressure on d4.

7...♗g7 seems more comfortable for White after 8.O-O ♘e7 9.♘c3 O-O 10.♗g5 h6 11.♗e3∞, though Black's position will be a tough nut to crack.

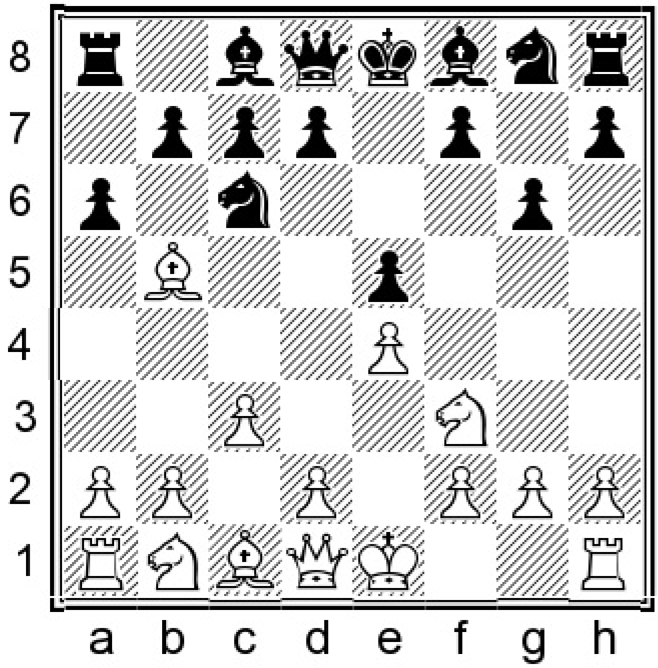
8.♕b3 ♗xf3 9.gxf3 ♗g7∞



Led to complex play in Karjakin,Sergey 2763 - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar 2809, Berlin (ct) 2018 - 136/116

5.♗c4

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.c3 a6



5.♗c4!?

An interesting alternative to the standard 5.♗a4

5...d6

Black can also play 5...♗g7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 b5 8.♗b3 (8.♗d5!? ♘ge7 9.♘c3 ♗b7 10.O-O b4 11.♘a4 d6) 8...d6, transposing into the line 5.Ba4 Bg7 6.d4 ed4 7.cd4 b5 8. Bb3 d6, which I'll look at in the next part. The move 5...d6 is more in keeping with the traditional solid treatment.

6.d4 ♗g7 7.♗g5

7.O-O ♕e7 8.h3 (8.dxe5 ♘xe5 9.♘xe5 dxe5= was Polgar,Sofia 2550 - Smyslov,Vassily 2486, Muenchen 2000 - 81/(269)) 8...♘f6 9.♖e1 O-O 10.♗g5 h6 11.♗h4 was played in Shirov,Alexei 2746 - Giorgadze,Giorgi 2599, Espana 2000 - 79/304, and now 11...♗d7∞ would have been a solid and flexible choice.

7...♘ge7

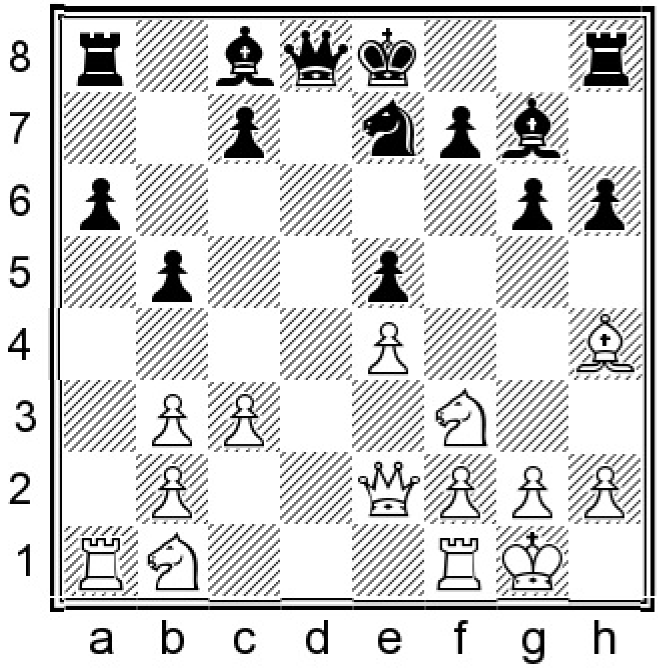
Move 7...f6?! is not a great idea with White's bishop on c4, though in Rozentalis,Eduardas 2505 - Balashov,Yuri 2550, Voronezh 1987 - 44/389 Black managed to unravel and go on to win.

Black has also played the odd looking 7...♕d7, for example: 8.dxe5 (8.O-O h6 9.♗h4 ♘f6 10.♖e1 O-O 11.♘bd2 ♖e8= as in Lobron,Eric 2620 - Salov,Valery 2660, Wijk aan Zee 1993 - 56/352) 8...dxe5 9.♕e2 ♘f6 10.♘a3 O-O 11.♘c2 ♘h5⇄ started to look for counterplay based on ...Kh8 and ...f5 in Tal,Mihail 2565 - Spraggett,Kevin 2550, Montpellier (ct) 1985 - 40/393

8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♕e2 h6 10.♗h4 b5

10...g5 is dangerous because of 11.♗xg5 hxg5 12.♘xg5→, with a dangerous attack.

11.♗b3 ♘a5 12.O-O ♘xb3 13.axb3±



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This was slighty better for White in Timman,Jan 2655 - Smyslov,Vassily 2565, Tilburg 1982 - 34/391, though White was unable to capitalize on this edge.

MICHAEL'S MUSINGS

By GM Michael Prusikin

"NEUTRALIZE THE SNIPER"

The Fight Against the Fianchetto Bishop

A good friend of mine described the fianchetto bishop in a refreshingly graphic way: "The fianchetto bishop is like a sniper hiding in cabin made of pawns." Indeed, such a bishop is not only an excellent defensive piece, but it can also unleash tremendous attacking power. However, if it is possible to restrict the fianchetto bishop with pawn chain, he often degenerates into a bad piece, and his passivity sometimes even decides the game. However, tactical means are often required to build up the pawn chain mentioned above. Some important ideas that help to achieve this goal are shown in the examples below.

E14
Ahues, Carl Oscar - Thomas, George Alan
Frankfurt, 1930

Michael Prusikin

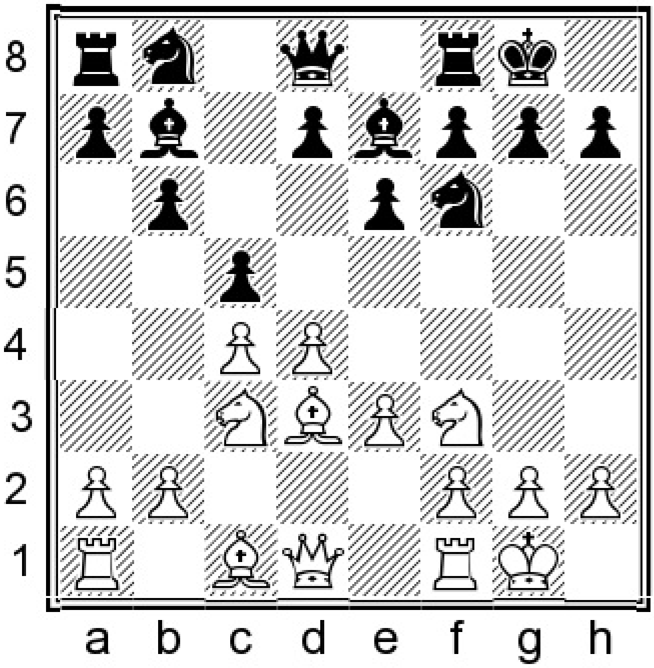
- **Country:** Germany
- **Born:** 1978
- **Rating:** 2516
- **Peak rating:** 2571
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2004

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 b6 3.e3 ♗b7 4.♗d3 e6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.c4 c5

6...d5!? could be a bit safer.

7.♘c3 cxd4

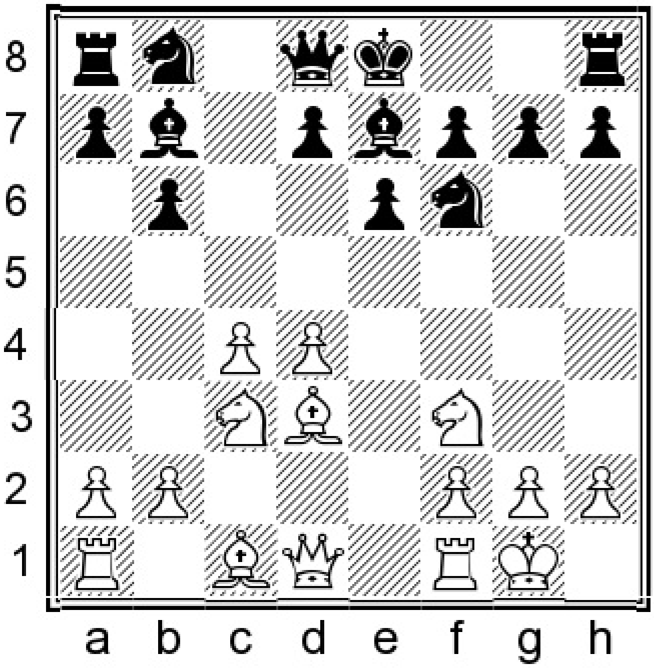
7...O-O? falls into a well-known strategic trap:



8.d5! exd5 9.cxd5 d6 10.e4 a6 11.a4 ♖e8 12.♘d2 ♗f8 13.f4± Marshall,Frank James - Ahues,Carl Oscar, Liege 1930.

Note the name of the player playing with the black pieces here! The Ahues vs. Thomas game was played just 2 weeks after the Marshall vs. Ahues game. The German maestro learned the right lessons from his defeat! That is how ideas develop in chess!

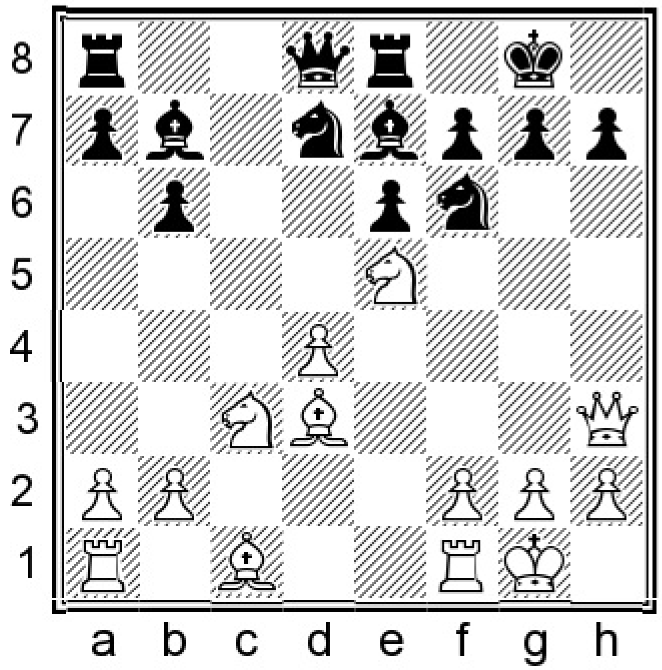
8.exd4



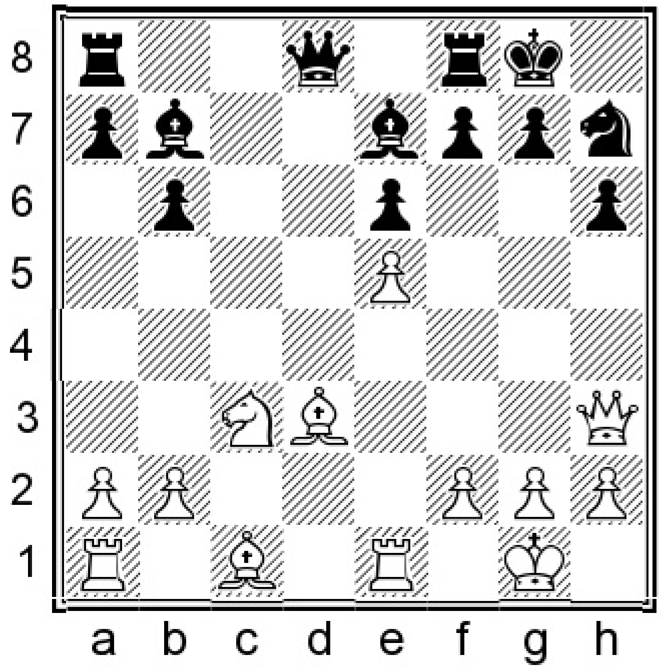
8...d6? A clear strategic mistake. Black has to ensure that his light-squared bishop is not locked in. That can only be achieved if Black places the pawn on d5 himself.

8...d5 9.cxd5! ♘xd5 10.♘e5 O-O 11.♕g4! (11.♕h5 g6! 12.♕h3 ♘c6! 13.♗h6 ♘xd4 14.♗xf8 ♗xf8

15.♘xd5 ♕xd5 16.♖fe1 ♗b4 17.♗e4 1/2 : 1/2 Gleichmann, Matthias - Petraitis,Gintautas, corr 2011) 11...♘f6 (11...f5 12.♕e2 ♗f6 13.♗c4 ♖e8 14.♖d1 ♘d7 15.♗b5 ♗xe5 16.dxe5± Kramnik,Vladimir 2777 - Topalov, Veselin 2813, Skopje 2015 - 126/163) 12.♕h4 ♘bd7 (12...♘e4? 13.♕h3 ♕xd4 14.♗f4 ♘f6 15.♘e2! ♕a4 (15...♕d8 16.♖fd1 ♗d5 17.♗g5 g6 18.♗h6 ♘bd7 (18...♖e8 19.♗b5 ♘bd7 20.♘xd7 ♘xd7 21.♖xd5+-) 19.♘xd7 ♕xd7 20.♗xf8 ♗xf8 21.♘c3+- Prusikin,Michael 2440 - Naumkin,Igor 2485, Deutschland 2000) 16.♖fc1 ♘a6 17.♗g5 ♖fd8 18.♘c3 ♕e8 19.♗xf6 ♖xd3 20.♕xd3 ♗xf6 21.♕g3 ♘c5 22.♖d1 h5 23.♖ac1± Kudr,Roman - Sykora,Josef, corr 2018) 13.♕h3 ♖e8!



(13...h6?? 14.♖e1 ♘xe5 15.dxe5 ♘h7

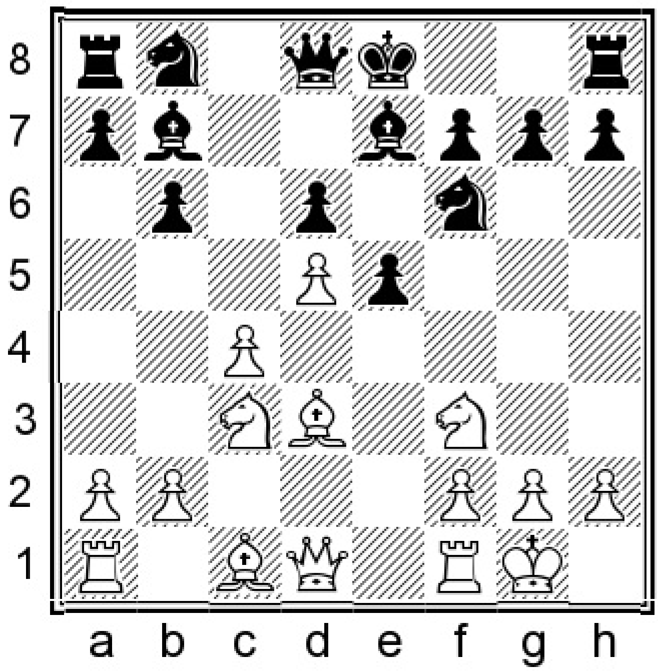


16.♗xh6! gxh6 17.♖ad1 ♕c7 18.♕xh6 f5 19.exf6 ♗xf6 20.♗xh7+ ♕xh7 21.♕xh7+ ♔xh7 22.♖d7+ ♔g6 23.♖xb7 ♗d4 24.♖e2 ♖f5 25.g3 ♖af8 26.♘e4 a5 27.b3 e5 28.♖c2 1 : 0 Prusikin, Michael 2440 - Peptan,Corina Isabela 2420, Zug 1999) 14.♗f4! A new move! 14...a6 15.♘xd7 ♕xd7 16.♗e5 g6 17.f4 ♕d8 (17...b5 18.f5! exf5 19.♗xf5±) 18.f5 exf5 19.♗xf5 ♗c5 20.♗xf6 ♗xd4+ 21.♗xd4 ♕xd4+ 22.♖f2 gxf5 23.♕xf5±

9.d5! With this advance, the b7-bishop is completely shut out of play.

9...e5

9...exd5 10.cxd5 O-O (10...♘xd5? 11.♗b5++-) 11.♘d4+-



10.♘e1 Preparing f4 is the right plan.

But 10.♘g5!? must have been even stronger: 10...♘bd7 (10...h6 11.♘ge4 ♘xe4 12.♘xe4 O-O 13.♗xh6! gxh6 14.♕g4+ ♔h8 15.♕h5 (15.♘f6? ♖g8= Kersten,Uwe 2300 - Nies,Peter 2056, Vellmar 2015) 15...♔g7 16.f4 f5 17.fxe5!! fxe4 18.♕g4+ ♔h8 19.♕xe4 ♖xf1+ 20.♖xf1 ♕g8 21.e6 ♘d7 22.exd7 ♕g7 23.♖e1 ♗f8 24.♕e8+-) 11.f4 ♖c8 12.b3 a6 13.a4± Jussupow,Artur 2640 - Rozentalis,Eduardas 2575, Elista (ol) 1998 - 73/583

10...♘bd7 11.f4 ♕c7 12.♕e2

12.g4!?± came strongly into consideration, but this move stems from the modern dynamic understanding of chess. Back in 1930 such way of playing was not common.

12...a6 13.♘f3 The prophylactic move.

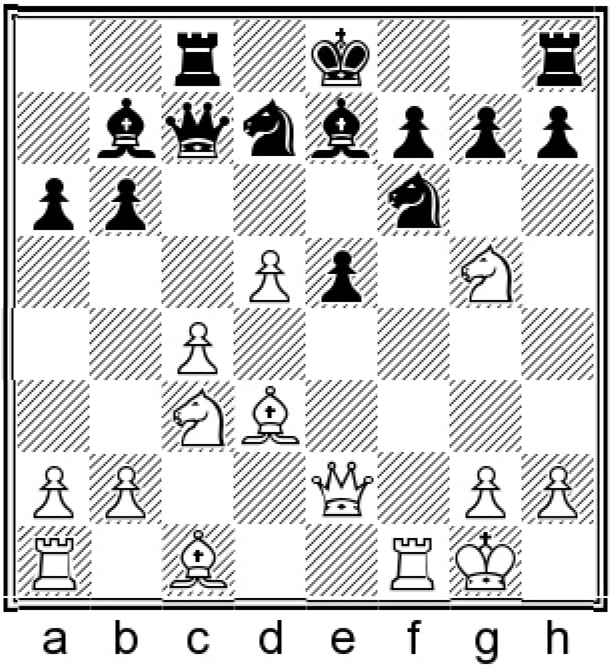
13.a4! was clearly preferable.

13...♖c8

13...b5!? Promised some counterplay, even if this move didn't completely solve Black's problems. 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.b3 O-O 16.♘g5±

14.fxe5 dxe5 15.♘g5!?

15.♘h4!? ♘xd5 (15...g6 16.♗h6+-) 16.♘xd5 ♗xd5 17.♘f5+-



15...h6? This move makes castling virtually impossible by creating a target for attack on h6.

15...O-O 16.♔h1 b5 17.b3±

16.♘ge4 ♘xe4

16...O-O? 17.d6! This mercilessly exploits the mistake Black made on move 15. 17...♗xd6 18.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 19.♖xf6! gxf6 20.♕g4+ ♔h8 21.♕h4+-

17.♘xe4+- ♘c5

17...O-O 18.♗xh6! One more time Black regrets the weakening 15...h6. 18...gxh6 19.♕g4+ ♔h8 20.♕h5 ♔g7 21.♖f3+-

18.♘xc5 ♗xc5+ 19.♔h1 ♖d8

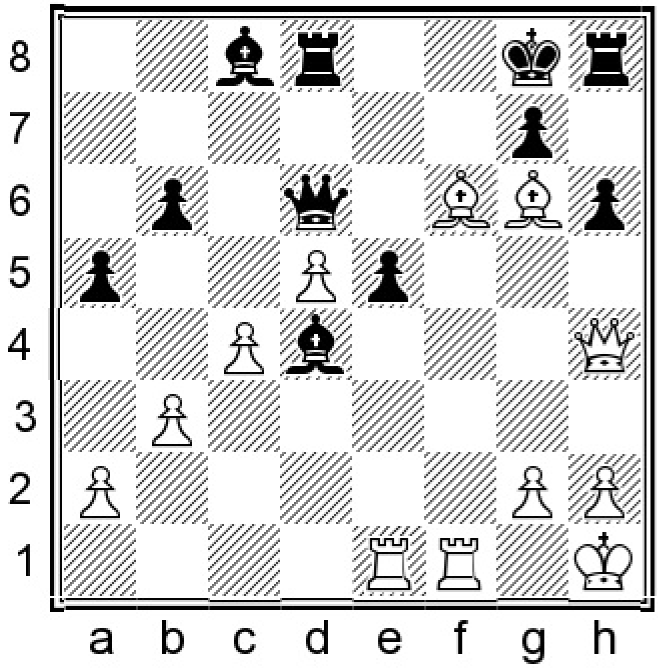
19...O-O? 20.♗xh6! Once again! 20...gxh6 21.♕g4+ ♔h8 22.♖f6+-

20.♕g4 f6 21.♗g6+ ♔f8 22.♗d2 a5 23.♖ae1 ♗d4 24.b3 ♗c8 25.♕h4 ♕d6 26.♗g5?!

26.♖e4! was the most direct way to the victory: 26...♔g8 27.♖xd4 exd4 28.♗f4 ♕d7 29.♖e1+-

26...♔e7?

26...♔g8! 27.♗xf6? That must have been White's idea, but it allows for a magical escape:

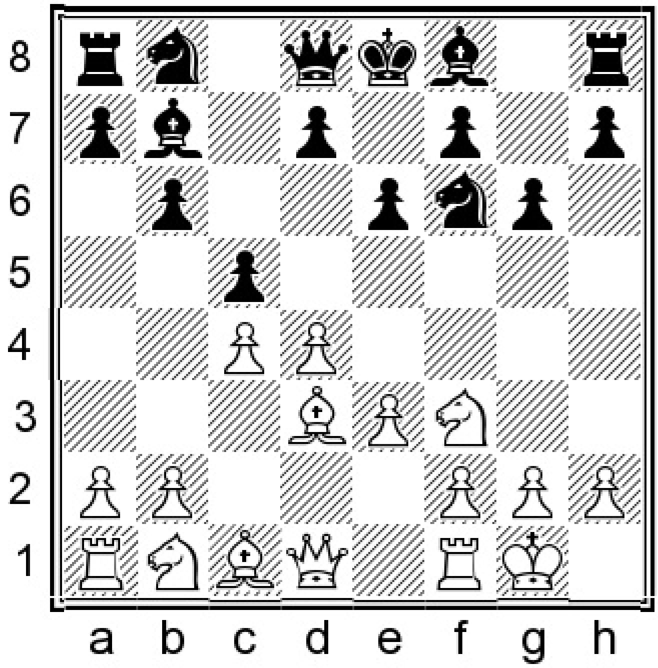


27...♖f8!! 28.♗xe5 ♖xf1+ 29.♖xf1 ♗xe5 30.♕e4 ♗d7=; 27.♗c1+- is still good enough.

27.♗xf6+ gxf6 28.♕xd4 ♖dg8 29.♗f5 ♖g5 30.♕d3 ♖hg8 31.♗xc8 ♖xc8 32.♕h7+ 1-0

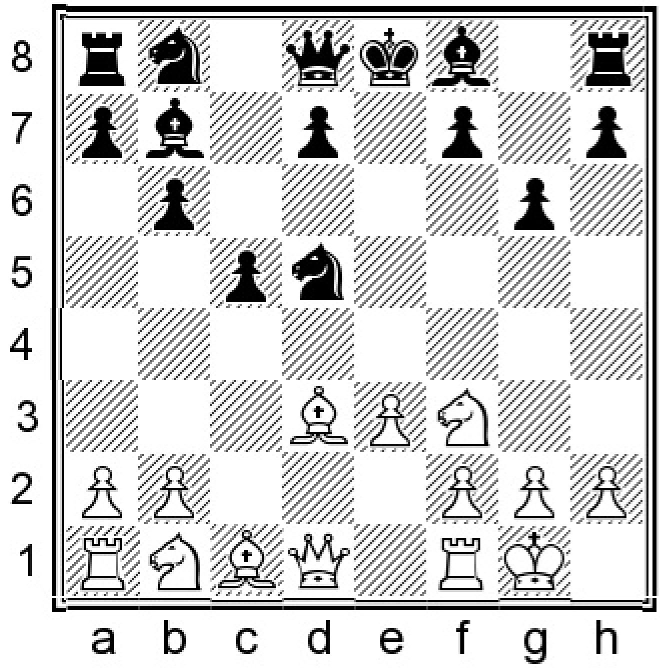
E14
Jensen, Tommy - Bratholm, Palle Skov
corr, 2015

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.♗d3 ♗b7 5.O-O c5 6.c4 g6?



7.d5! Tactics in the service of strategy. With this move, the b7-bishop is once again "buried".

7...exd5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5? Acceptance of sacrifice is met with a rigorous tactical refutation here, but it was an offer that could hardly be rejected.

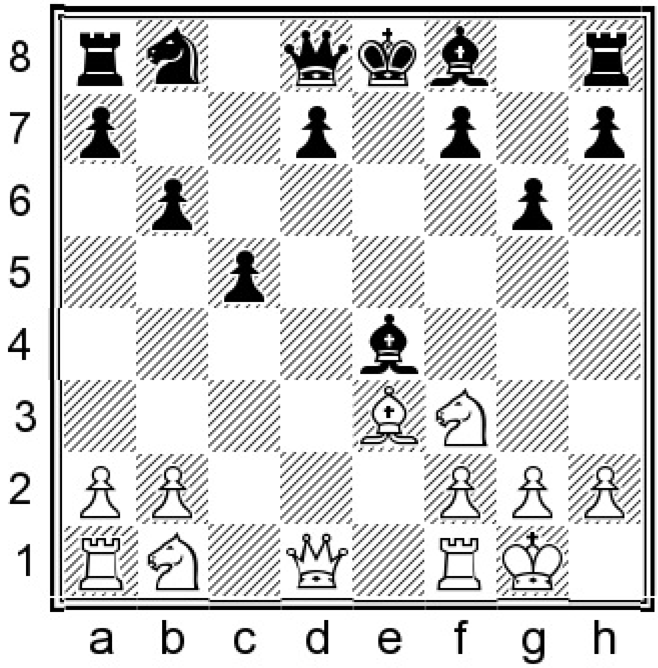


8...♗xd5 9.e4! ♗e6 (9...♗c6 10.♘c3 ♗g7 (10...d6 11.e5 dxe5 12.♘xe5+-) 11.e5 ♘g8 (11...♘d5 12.♘e4 O-O 13.♗g5 f6 14.♗h4+-) 12.♗g5 ♘e7 13.♗c4 h6 14.♗f6 O-O 15.♘h4!+- Jussupow,Artur 2605 - Zeller,Frank 2457, Schweiz 2006) 10.e5 ♘h5 11.♘c3 ♘c6 12.♘e4 ♕c7 13.♖e1 h6 (13...♘xe5 14.♘xe5 ♕xe5 15.♘g5 ♕c7 16.g4 ♘g7 (16...♘f6 17.♕f3+-) 17.♕f3 ♖c8 18.♕xf7++-; 13...♗e7 14.♗h6±) 14.♗d2 ♗e7 15.♖c1±;

8...♗g7 9.e4 d6 10.♘c3 O-O 11.h3 ♘a6 (11...a6 12.a4 ♘bd7 13.♗f4 ♘e8 14.♖e1 h6 15.♕d2 g5 16.♗g3± runs similarly, Potkin,Vladimir 2574 - Bednarek, Sylwester 2307, Katowice (rapid) 2017) 12.♗f4 ♘c7 13.a4 ♕e7 14.♖e1± with a strategically winning position for White. The decisive factors here are White's space advantage and the lack of prospects for the black bishop on b7, Danner,Georg 2385 - Contin,Daniel 2395, Budapest 1993

9.♗e4! ♘xe3 This move is forced.

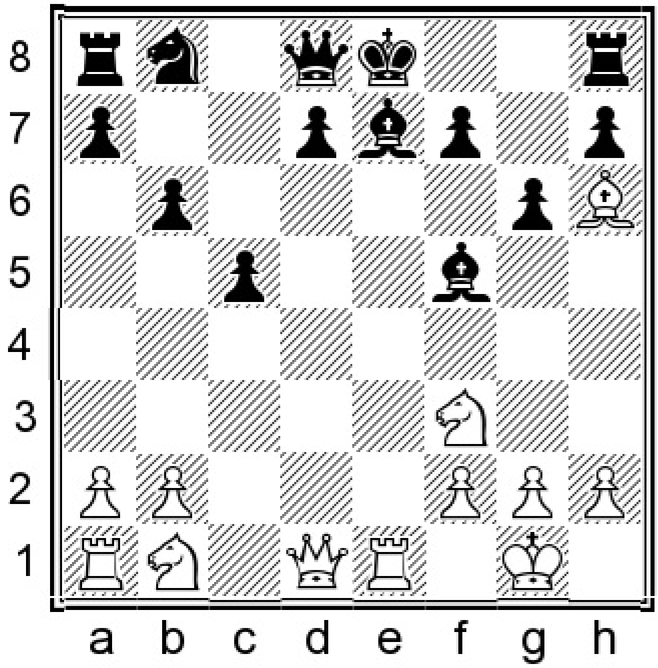
10.♗xe3 ♗xe4



11.♖e1!

Text move is much more accurate than 11.♘c3?! ♗f5 12.♘d5 ♗e7 13.♖e1 ♗e6 14.♗f4 ♘c6 15.♘c7+ ♔f8 16.♘xa8 ♕xa8 17.♗h6+ ♔g8∞ after which the position is anything but clear.

11...♗e7 12.♗h6 ♗f5



13.♖xe7+!! That's the point of 11.Re1. White can make this promising exchange sacrifice before the opponent achieves to place the bishop on e6.

13...♕xe7 14.♘c3 f6 The most stubborn continuation.

14...♗e6 15.♘d5 ♗xd5 16.♕xd5 ♘c6 17.♖e1+-

15.♘d5 ♕d6

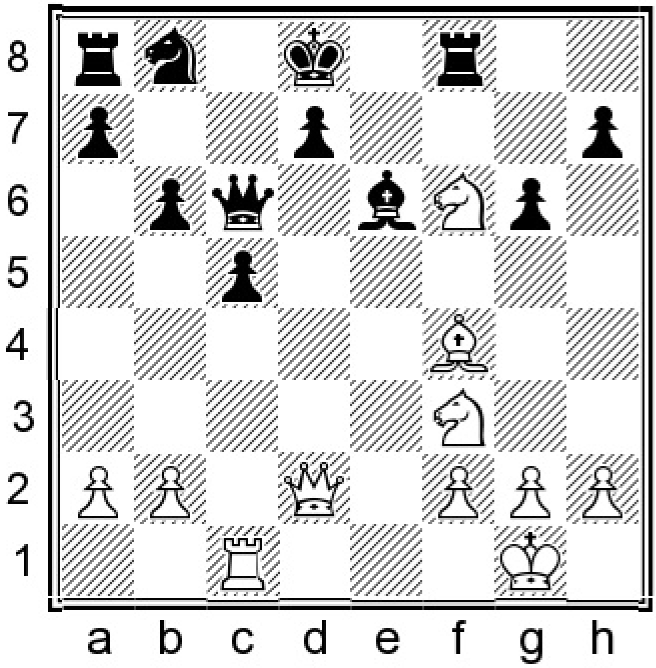
15...♕f7 16.♘c7+ ♔d8 17.♘xa8 ♔c8 18.♗f4 ♘a6 19.b4! ♔b7 20.b5 ♘b4 21.♘c7+-

16.♗f4 ♕c6 17.♕d2! According to the rule that you should attack with all your pieces, White calmly mobilizes his queenside - despite the noticeable material disadvantage.

17...♗e6

17...♔d8 18.♖e1 ♗e6 (18...♖e8 19.♗c7+ ♕xc7 20.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 21.♘xc7++-; 18...♘a6 19.♘e7 ♕b5 20.♕d6+-) 19.♘c7 ♔c8 (19...♕xc7 20.♗xc7+ ♔xc7 21.♕f4+ ♔b7 22.♕xf6+-) 20.b4! a6 21.bxc5 bxc5 22.♘xa8 ♕xa8 23.♕d6 ♕b7 24.♕xc5+ ♘c6 25.♕d6+-

18.♘xf6+ ♔d8 19.♖c1! ♖f8 What else?



20.♘d4! cxd4 21.♕xd4 ♔c8 22.♘e4 ♔b7 23.♘d6+ ♔c7 24.♕e3 g5 25.♗g3 ♖g8 26.b4 ♔d8 27.♖xc6 ♘xc6 28.f4 1-0

E14
Prusikin, Michael (2518) - Bruedigam, Martin (2396)
Deutschland, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.e3 A useful move when you're not in the mood for a theoretical discussion.

4...♗e7

4...b6 5.♘c3 ♗d6 6.♗d3 ♗b7 7.O-O O-O could be a better option for Black, but of course the move played in the game is not wrong at all.

5.b3 O-O 6.♗d3 c5

6...b6

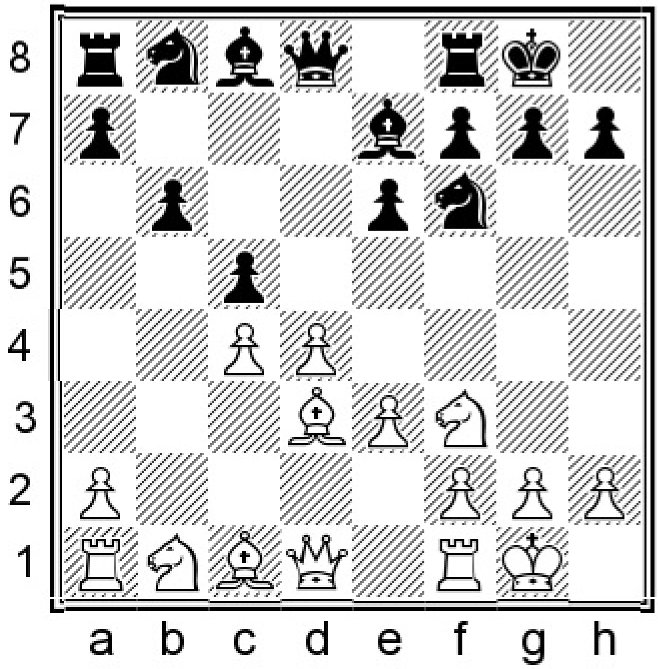
7.O-O dxc4 This is premature, but still not really bad.

7...cxd4 8.exd4 b6 9.♗b2 ♗b7 10.♘bd2 ♘c6 11.♖c1 ♖c8 12.♕e2 ♖e8 13.♖fd1 ♗f8 14.♘f1 g6 15.♘e3= Spassky,Boris 2615 - Gheorghiu,Florin 2605, Baden 1980 - 31/(596)

8.bxc4 b6? But this is simply wrong.

8...cxd4!? 9.exd4 b6 10.♗b2 ♗b7 11.♕e2!? ♘c6 (11...♘bd7 12.♘c3 ♖c8 13.♖ad1 ♖e8 14.♘e5± Grigorian,Karen Ashotovich 2480 - Moiseev,Oleg Leonidovich, Moscow (ch) 1979) 12.♘bd2 ♖c8 13.♖ad1 ♖e8 14.♖fe1 ♗f8 15.♘e4↑;

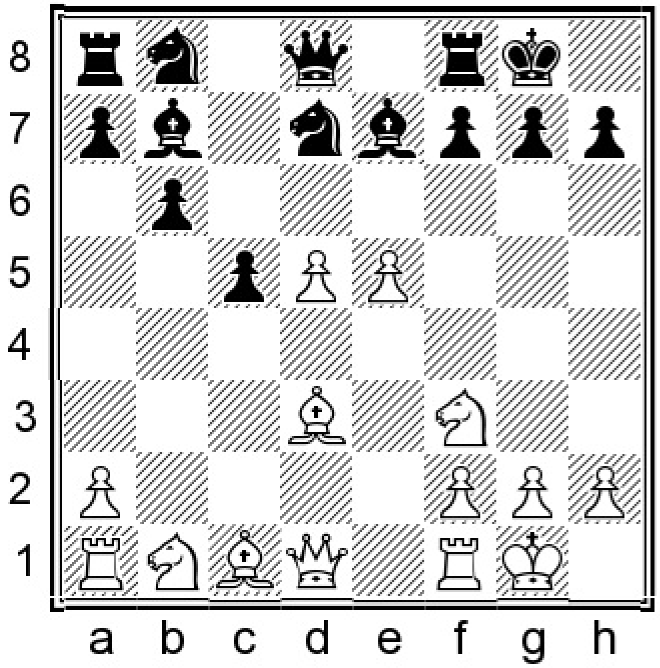
8...♘c6!?



9.e4! With this nice tactical trick, White again manages to gain a solid space advantage and restrict Black's light-squared bishop.

9...♗b7

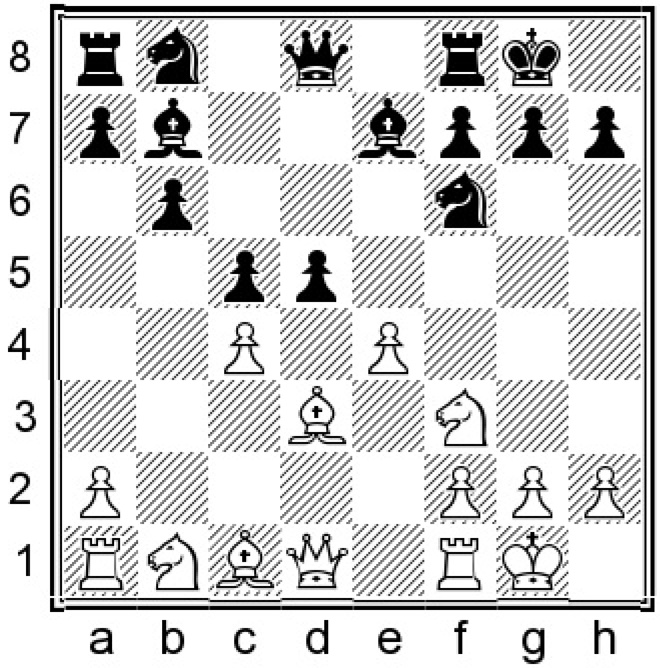
9...♘fd7!? A new move. 10.e5! ♗b7 11.d5! exd5 12.♕c2! (12.cxd5



12...♘xe5!! 13.♘xe5 ♕xd5 14.♕f3 ♕xf3 15.gxf3 ♗f6 16.f4 ♘c6 17.a4 ♘xe5 18.fxe5 ♗xe5 19.♖a3 ♖ad8=) 12...h6 (12...d4 13.♗xh7+ ♔h8 14.♗e4 ♕c7 15.♖e1 ♗xe4 16.♖xe4 ♘c6 17.♗f4 ♕d8 18.♖e1±) 13.cxd5 ♗xd5 14.♗e4 ♗xe4 15.♕xe4 ♘a6 16.♘c3 ♘c7 17.♖d1 ♘e6 18.♕a4 ♘d4 19.♘xd4 cxd4 20.♕xd4 ♘c5 21.♘d5±;

9...♘c6 10.d5 ♘b4 11.♘c3 ♘xd3 12.♕xd3 ♗a6 13.♖d1 exd5 14.exd5± Magai,Vladimir - Zvjaginsev, Vadim, USSR 1990

10.d5 exd5



11.cxd5!N Capturing towards the centre looks more principled than capturing with the e-pawn.

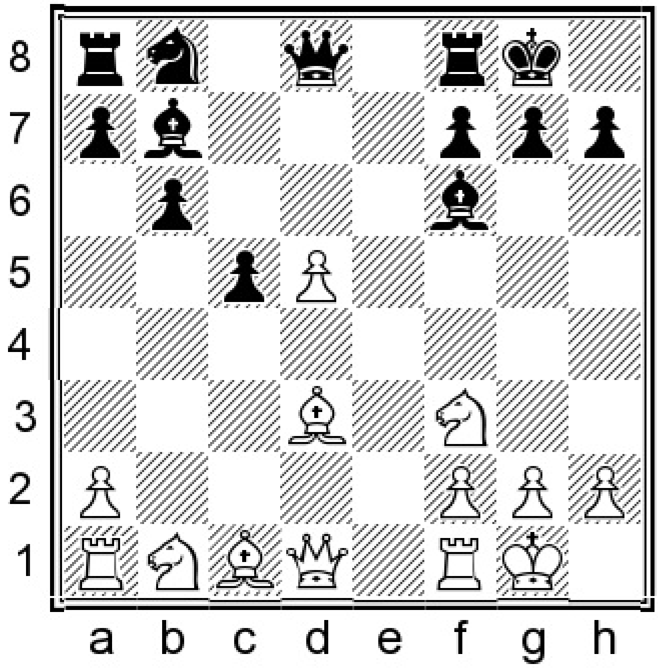
Before is played: 11.exd5 b5! A very good move! (11...♘e8 12.♕c2 h6 13.♘c3 ♘d6 14.♖e1 ♘a6 15.a3 ♘c7 16.♗f4± Ehlvest,Jaan 2588 - Acs,Peter 2529, Dubai 2002) 12.♘c3 bxc4 13.♗xc4 ♗a6 14.♘d2 ♕a5 15.♕c2 ♘bd7 16.♗b2±

11...♘xd5? The critical move, but one that does not stand up to close scrutiny.

11...♘xe4? 12.♗xe4 f5 13.d6!+-;

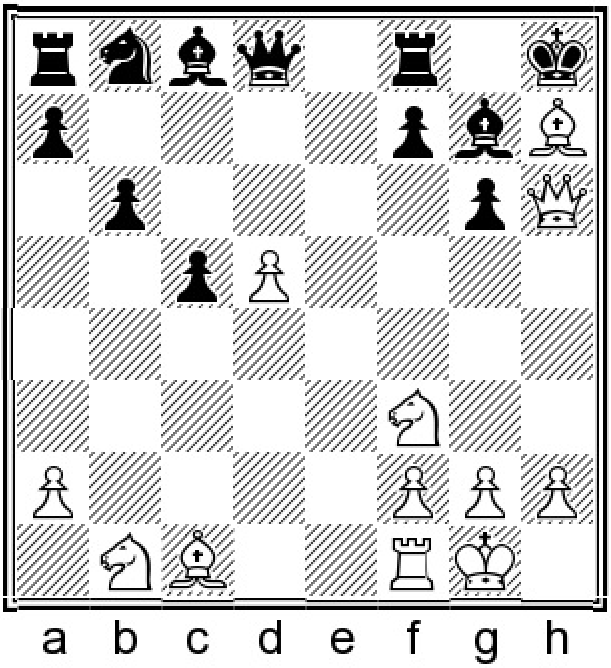
11...c4! Was called for. It would lead to a complicated position with better chances for White. 12.♗c2 ♖e8 13.♖e1 b5 14.♘c3 b4 15.♖b1! ♕a5 16.♗a4 ♖d8 17.a3!±

12.exd5 ♗f6



13.♘c3?! Still the second best move, but it allows Black tough resistance.

The correct continuation is 13.♕c2! - wins on the spot. 13...♗xa1 14.♗xh7+ ♔h8 15.♕f5 (15.♘g5+-) 15...g6 (15...♘d7 16.♕h3 ♘f6 17.♗g5 ♖e8 18.♘bd2 ♗d4 19.♘xd4 cxd4 20.♗d3+ ♔g8 21.♗xf6 ♕xf6 22.♕h7+ ♔f8 23.♕h8+ ♔e7 24.♖e1++-) 16.♕h3 ♗c8 17.♕h6 (17.g4!? ♗xg4 18.♕xg4 ♔xh7 (18...♕xd5 19.♕h3 ♕h5 20.♕xh5 gxh5 21.♗e4 ♘a6 22.♗xa8 ♖xa8+-) 19.♕h3+ ♔g7 20.♕h6+ ♔g8 21.♘g5+-) 17...♗g7

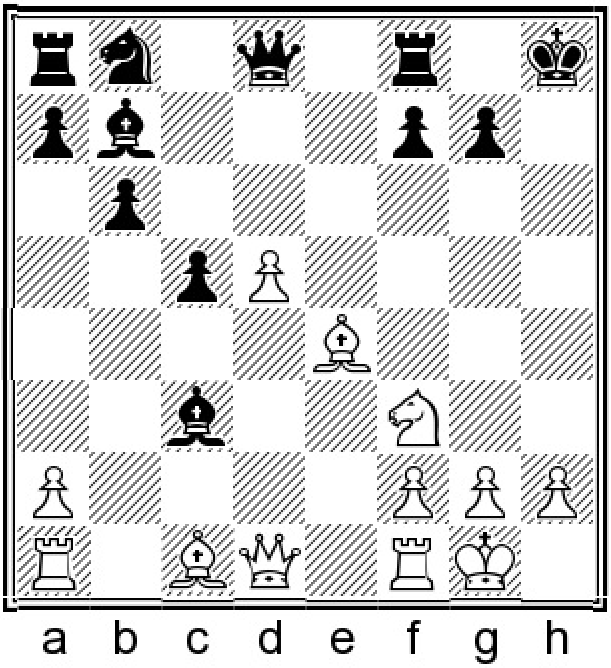


18.♗b2!! f6 19.♕h4 g5 20.♘xg5 (20.♕h5? ♗g4) 20...fxg5 21.♕h5 ♗g4 22.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 23.♕g6+ ♔h8 24.♕h6 ♕e7 25.♗f5+ ♔g8 26.♗xg4+-

13...♗xc3 14.♗xh7+ ♔h8!

14...♔xh7? 15.♘g5+ ♔g6 (15...♔g8 16.♕h5 ♕xg5 17.♗xg5 ♗xa1 18.♖xa1+-) 16.♕d3+! f5 17.♘e6! (17.♕xc3 ♕xd5 18.♕h3 ♘c6=) 17...♗xa1 18.♕g3+ ♔f7 19.♘xd8+ ♖xd8 20.♗g5 ♗f6 21.♗xf6 gxf6 22.♕h4 ♔g6 23.♖e1! ♖xd5 (23...♗xd5 24.♖e7+-) 24.h3 ♘c6 25.♕g3+ ♔h6 26.♕c7 ♖b8 27.♕f7 ♖d6 28.f4 ♗a6 29.♖e3+-

15.♗e4!



15...♗f6? My opponent was very angry about this move after the game - rightly so! Black simply loses two tempi, which is of course crucial in a sharp position like this.

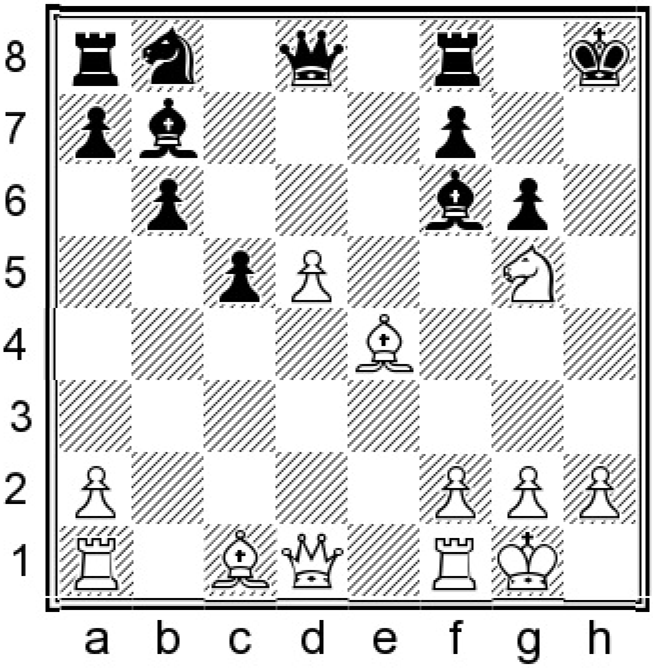
15...f5? 16.♘g5 ♕e8 17.♕f3 ♕g6 18.♖b1+-;

15...♘d7!? 16.♗g5 ♗f6 17.h4!±

The right continuation is 15...♗xa1! leading to a difficult but defendable position for Black after forced play: 16.♘g5 g6 17.♕g4 ♗xd5 18.♖d1 ♗d4 19.♕h4+ ♔g7 20.♕h7+ ♔f6 21.♘f3! ♖h8 22.♗g5+ ♔e6 23.♘xd4+ cxd4 24.♗xd5+ ♕xd5 (24...♔xd5 25.♕xf7++-) 25.♕xh8 ♘d7 26.♕h3+ ♔d6 27.♕a3+ ♔c7 28.♗e3 ♕d6 29.♕b2±

16.♘g5 g6

16...♗xg5 17.♕h5+ ♗h6 18.♗xh6+-



17.♕g4!+- Now the game is decided. The rest is easy: **17...♗xa1 18.♕h3+ ♔g7 19.♕h7+ ♔f6 20.♘xf7 ♖xf7 21.♕h4+ ♔g7 22.♗h6+ ♔h7 23.♗g5+ ♔g8 24.♗xd8 ♗d4 25.♗xg6 ♖g7 26.♖e1 ♘d7 27.♖e8+ ♘f8 28.♕f4 ♖xg6 29.♕xf8+ ♔h7 30.♕f7+ 1-0**

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corr, 2016

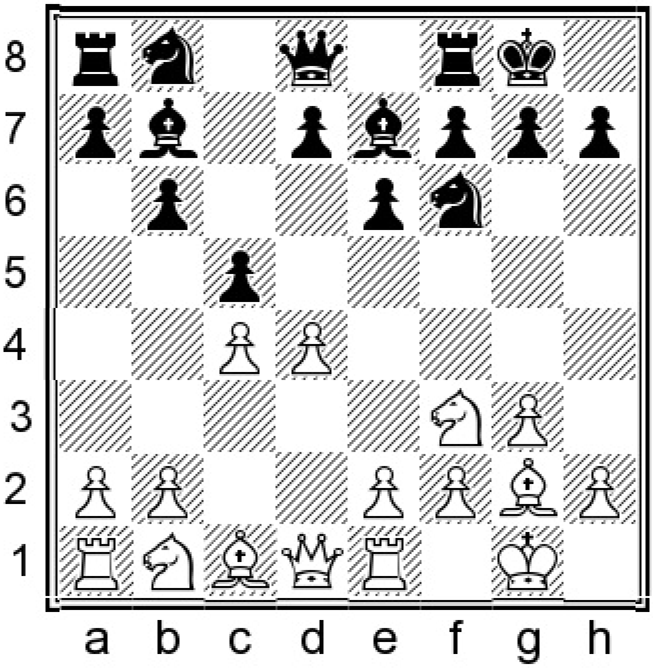
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.O-O O-O 7.♖e1!? An interesting alternative to the main line 7.Nc3. The idea of this move is to wait with the development of the b1-knight to prevent the exonerating exchange of the black knight.

7.♘c3 ♘e4

7...c5 Strategically risky, because White is invited, even forced, to play the thematic advance d5.

7...♘a6 8.h4!? d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.♘c3 c5 11.♗f4 ♘e4 12.e3 ♕e8 13.♘g5± Littke,Helmut - Fahrbach,Manfred, corr 2017

7...d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.♘c3 ♘bd7 10.♗f4 c5 11.dxc5 ♘xc5 12.♖c1 a6 13.a3 ♖e8 14.♘d4 ♗d6 15.♗xd6 ♕xd6 16.♕d2± Gelfand, Boris 2665 - Karpov,Anatoly 2775, Wien 1996 - 67/607



8.d5! exd5 9.♘h4 ♘e4 10.cxd5

10.♘f5!? was a nice try that was crowned with success, but you can only play this gambit once. In fact, I haven't found any imitators to this day. 10...dxc4 11.♕c2 ♘d6 12.♗xb7 ♘xb7 13.♕xc4 d5?? 14.♕xd5+- ♘d6 15.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 16.♕xa8 ♘b7 17.♕xa7 1 : 0 Prusikin,Michael 2549 - Lenic,Luka 2574, Rogaska Slatina 2009

10...♗xh4 11.♗xe4 ♗f6 12.♘c3 d6 13.♗f4 ♖e8 14.♗g2 ♘d7

14...♗g5?! 15.♗xg5 ♕xg5 16.e4 ♕f6 17.f4 ♘d7 18.♘b5 ♖ec8 19.♗h3 ♕e7 20.e5+- Eljanov,Pavel 2672 - Margvelashvili,Giorgi 2523, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020

15.♕c2± In the resulting Benoni structure, White has a lasting strategic edge thanks to the space advantage and the opponent's bishop being trapped on b7.

15.♗xd6? ♗xc3 16.bxc3 ♘f6 17.♗f4 ♗xd5=

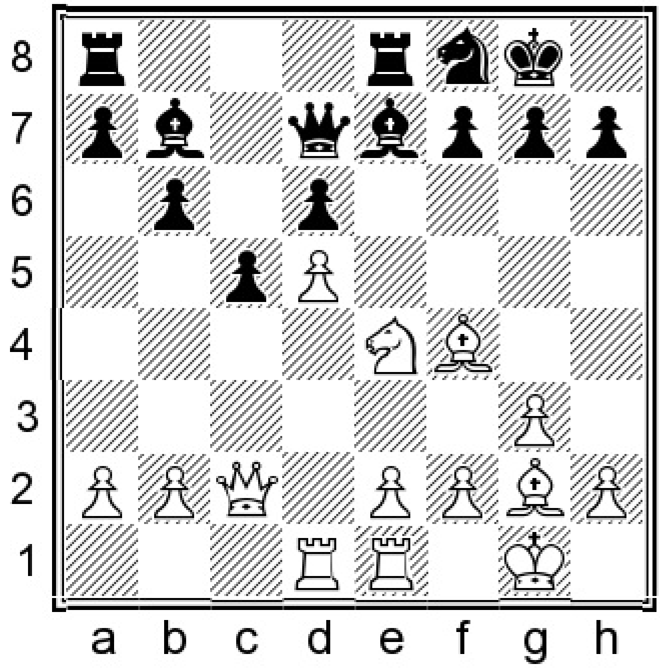
15...♘f8

15...♘e5 16.♖ad1±

16.♖ad1 ♕d7?! Too vague. Black had to finally revive the b7-bishop.

16...a6!?; 16...♗c8!? 17.♗c1±

17.♘e4 ♗e7



18.♗c1!! With this move, White starts a very nice retreat manoeuvre with the goal of clearing the way for his pawn majority.

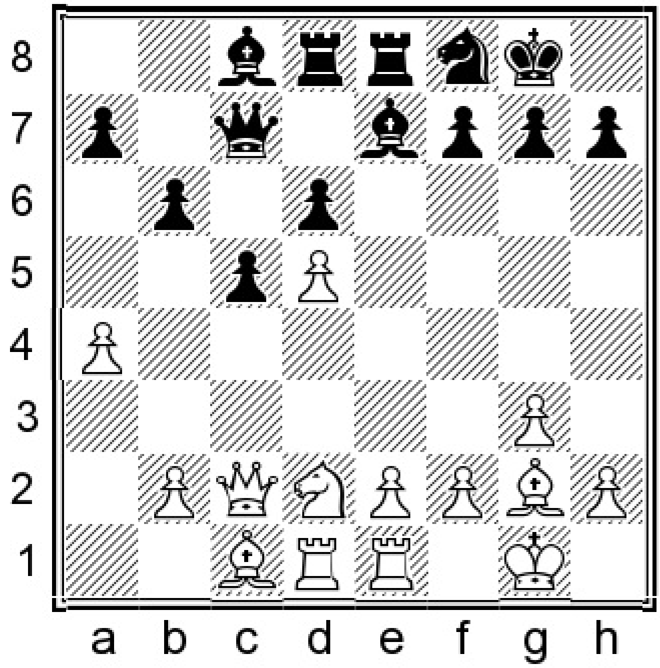
18...♖ad8 19.♘d2!

19.♘c3 b5 was less precise.

19...♕c7

19...b5 20.f4 a5 21.e4 ♗f6 22.♘f3±

20.a4 ♗c8 At last! But probably too late.



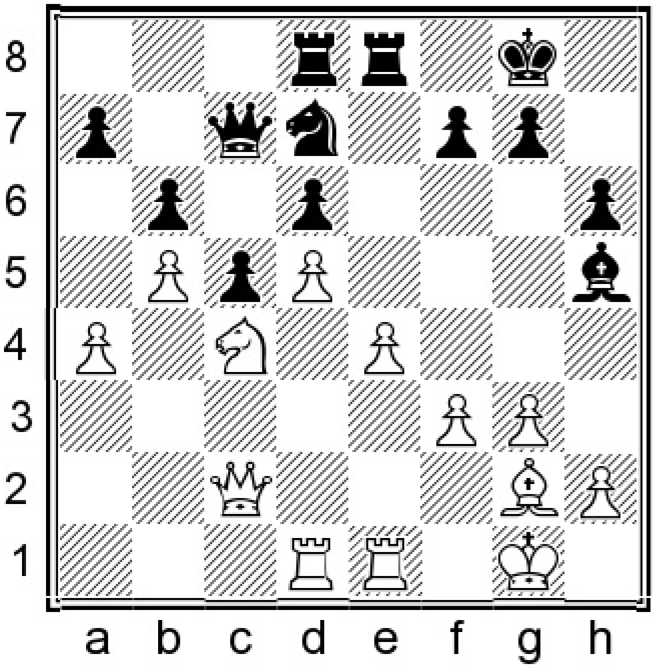
21.b4!± With this move, White creates an excellent outpost on c4 for his knight, from where it will keep the d6-weakness under pressure.

21...h6?!

21...♗f6!? 22.♘e4±

22.♗b2 ♘h7 23.e4 ♗f6 24.♗xf6 ♘xf6 25.b5 ♗g4 26.f3 ♗h5 The unfortunate bishop changed the diagonal, but that did not improve Black's position.

27.♘c4 ♘d7



28.g4! ♗g6 29.f4+- White's strategic advantage has now become crucial. Black fought for a long time, but without any success. He has nothing against the white pawn storm on the kingside.

29...f6 30.♕b3 ♗f7 31.h4 ♘f8 32.♕g3 ♘g6 33.♖d2 ♕e7 34.♖e3 ♕c7 35.♖f2 ♘e7 36.g5 ♔h8 37.♕g4 ♖g8 38.f5 ♘c8 39.♖g3 ♕e7 40.♗f3 ♕f8 41.♕f4 ♗e8 42.♖fg2 ♗f7 43.♕c1 ♖d7 44.♕c3 ♕d8 45.♘e3 h5 Otherwise 46.Ng4 follows.

46.g6 ♗xg6 47.♖xg6 ♖e8 48.♕d3 ♔h7 49.♗xh5 c4 50.♘xc4 ♕c7 51.♖xf6 gxf6 52.♗xe8 ♖g7 53.♗g6+ ♔h8 54.♕d2 ♔g8 55.♕h6 a5 56.♘e3 ♕c1+ 57.♔h2 ♕c7 58.♘g4 1-0

We will conclude the article with some exercises.

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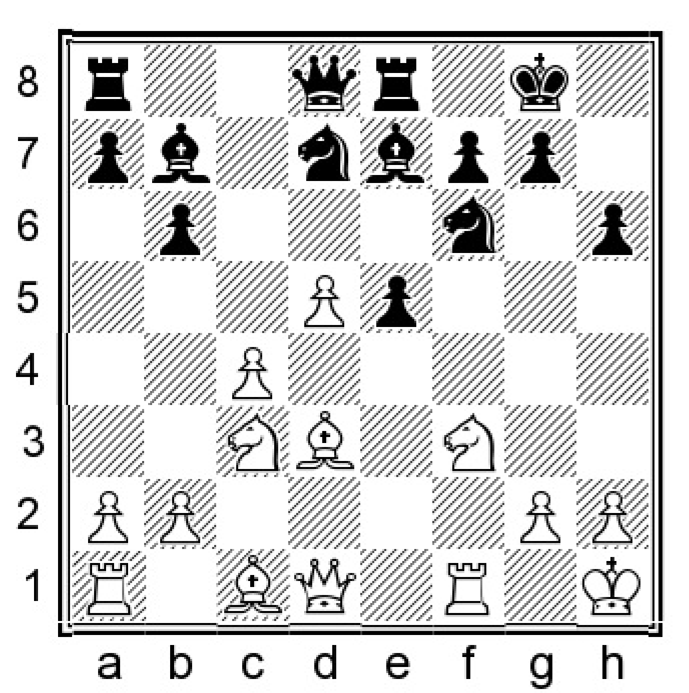
Schweiz, 2009



White to move

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15.♘d2! Promised White a large strategic advantage.

15.♘h4? The game continuation. Although, the black e-pawn had to be stopped. 15...e4! (15...♘xd5? 16.cxd5 ♗xh4 17.♕g4 ♗g5 18.♗xg5 hxg5 19.♕f5 ♘f6 20.♘e4 ♕xd5 21.♘xf6+ gxf6 22.♕h7+ ♔f8 23.♕h8+ ♔e7 24.♕xf6+ ♔f8 25.♕h6+ ♔e7 26.♕xg5++-) 16.♗c2 ♖c8 17.♘f5 ♖xc4! (17...♗b4?) 18.♗b3 (18.♗xh6 gxh6 19.♘xh6+ ♔g7 20.♕d2 (20.♘f5+=) 20...♖h8 21.♕g5+ ♔f8∓) 18...♗a6!? 19.♗xh6 (19.♗xc4 ♗xc4 20.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 21.♖e1 ♘c5 22.♕d4 ♘d3∓) 19...♖xc3 20.bxc3 ♗xf1 21.♕xf1 ♗f8 22.♗g5 ♕c7∞ White won after 42 moves.

15...♘c5 16.♘de4 ♘xd3 17.♕xd3 ♘xe4 18.♘xe4 ♗c8 19.♗xh6!! gxh6

19...f5 20.♕g3+-

20.♕g3+ ♗g5 21.♖f6!+-

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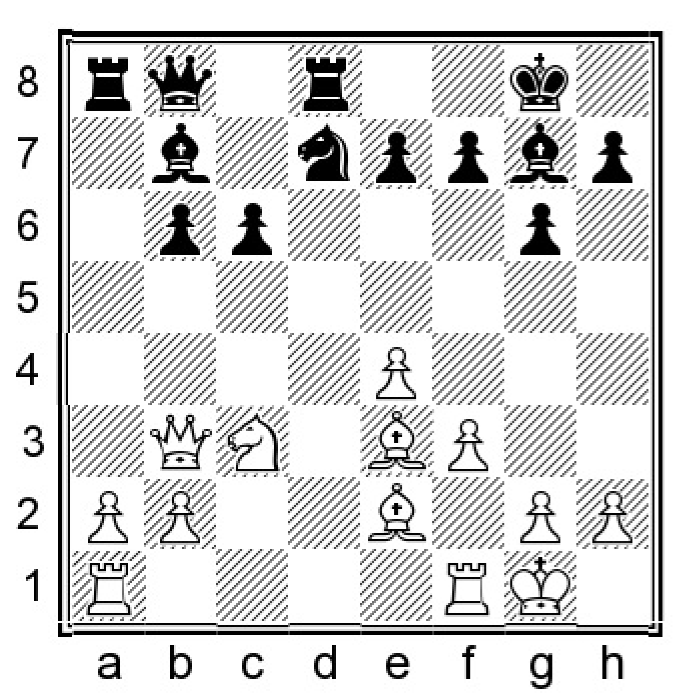

White to move

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15.f4! With the idea of excluding the g7-bishop from the game with e5.

15...♗a6?!

15...♕a7?! 16.e5 ♘c5 17.♗xc5 bxc5 18.♗c4 ♗a6!? (18...e6 19.♘d1! ♗a6 20.♘e3±) 19.♗xf7+ ♔h8 20.♗c4 ♖db8 21.♕a4 ♗xc4 22.♕xc4 ♖xb2 23.♘e4±

Perhaps the best way for Black was to exchange the Bg7 on time. 15...♗xc3!? 16.bxc3! (16.♕xc3 c5 17.e5 ♗e4! 18.♖f2 ♘f8=) 16...♗a6 17.f5!! ♘f6 (17...♗xe2 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.♕xf7+ ♔h8 20.♕xg6+-) 18.♖ae1 ♗xe2 19.♖xe2↑

16.♗xa6 ♖xa6 17.e5! ♘f8 18.a4!± With a stable advantage for White.

ROGERS' REMINISCENCES
The Past is a Foreign Country

By GM Ian Rogers

DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKENS

Buenos Aires Olympiad 1978

Australia's first appearance at a Chess Olympiad was supposed to be in Buenos Aires - in 1939. As Cecil Purdy wrote, with questionable foresight, in April 1939: "As the possibility of a world war during 1939 has now become remote, there is no doubt that this Chess Olympiad - the greatest in history - will be held. Australia should be there."

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The Australian team for the 1939 Olympiad, travelling from as far away as Perth, were prepared to take the six week boat trip from Sydney to Buenos Aires. However shortly before the team departed they received news that the Olympiad was delayed until August, with the only possible boat travelling via South Africa (rather than the Magellan Straits) and costing too much time and money.

After this disappointment, Australia did not play their first Chess Olympiad until 1964.

Times were different in 1978 - it was possible to fly to South America. The same Cecil Purdy found a cheap return airfare for the Australian team which stopped only in Honolulu, Los Angeles, Miami and Lima, before landing in Buenos Aires a mere three days after leaving.

Unsurprisingly, the Australian team were rather tired when they arrived at the Buenos Aires Sheraton Hotel. It took only another 11 hours in the hotel foyer before rooms were kindly granted by the hotel - two double rooms. Our four women players occupied one and the male players plus the two captains took the other.

Fortunately I arrived a day later, by which time the team had increased their room allocation to five. I had organised my own ticket directly across the Pacific Ocean via Easter Island and Santiago, saving 48 hours in travel time, but paying an extra $8 for the privilege.

I spent my first night at my first Olympiad sleeping on a mattress on the floor before Australia was upgraded to six(!) rooms and I was allowed to have my own bed, sharing a double room with just one other person, Australia's board one Robert Jamieson.

The Chicken Revolt

The Sheraton Hotel set up a giant dining room for the Olympiad teams with giant round tables with white tablecloths for each team and a la carte service.

Though this sounded great, we soon learned that every main meal, and some breakfasts, were made up of one item - chicken. Roast chicken, boiled chicken, fried chicken, sauteed chicken and, especially for breakfast using leftovers from the previous day, chicken in gelatin.

After many days of chicken, many teams complained, but nothing changed. The final straw came one evening after a hard day at the River Plate stadium. The Virgin Islands table received their main course, chicken and one of the players turned his plate upside down with a thump, making a terrible mess. Everyone else at his table did the same. The neighbouring table followed suit. Soon, to the horror of the waiters, dozens of other tables had followed. All eyes then turned to the FIDE table, where past and future FIDE Presidents Max Euwe and Fridrik Olafsson were seated. The FIDE table did the same, to applause from the surrounding tables. (It is possible that this act of solidarity gave Olafsson the single extra vote he needed to avoid being eliminated in the first round of the FIDE Presidential election a week later. It is equally likely that the decisive factor eliminating Svetozar Gligoric were that two of his supporters had adjourned games and missed the key vote!)

Next day, none of the meals contained chicken! However our satisfaction at the triumph of direct action was short-lived. The following day the evening meal was chicken. Normal chicken service resumed a day later - with one important change; never again were we served recycled chicken for breakfast.

Obstacles, Large and Small

The Olympiad was played at the famed River Plate Stadium which only a few months earlier had hosted the football World Cup. The games, which saw the first 40 moves played between 4 and 9pm, followed by adjournments at 8.30am(!) the next morning, were conducted along the concrete corridors within the stadium. Playing conditions - lighting, ventilation, noise - were sufficiently bad that many teams complained, without any changes being considered, let alone adopted.

Perhaps the organisers were more concerned with their colleague who had apparently been kidnapped just before the Olympiad and returned halfway through the event. Possibly this explained the limited food budget - it might have been spent paying a ransom.

Australian player Cathy Depasquale (now Chua) recalls: "My sense of Buenos Aires was overwhelmingly of corruption; everything was wrong. Early on I had somebody come up to me in the foyer and say they were going to kidnap me. Going to dinner somebody would find their bag stolen. I was told it was dangerous walking around and never to catch a taxi. I can't remember anything good about the experience: I basically stayed in my room and played."

Up Close With The Grandmasters

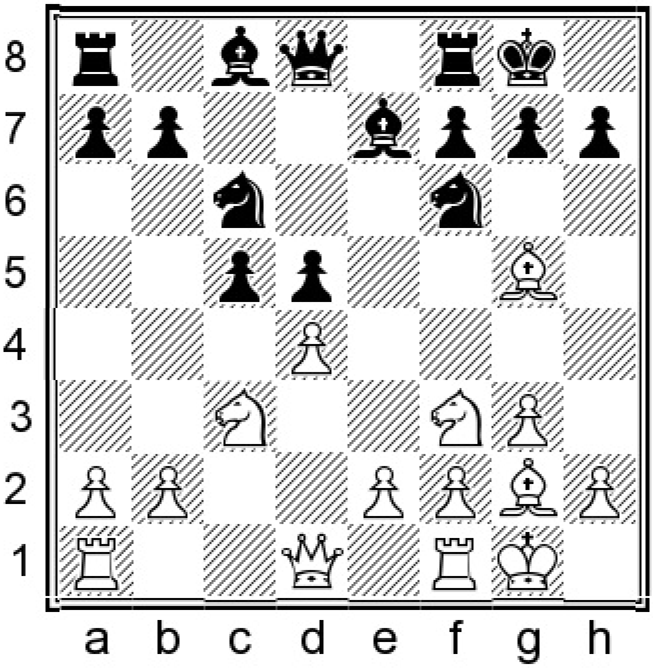
Though sensing an uneasy atmosphere hovering over the event, everything was new and exciting for me and I barely noticed the problems with the playing conditions at River Plate Stadium.

Perhaps being a member of Melbourne Chess Club had injured me to an atmosphere which was 50% tobacco smoke but I thought the set-up was wonderful - especially the fact that I could wander 200 metres along the corridors from match 20 and stand right next to legends like Polugaevsky while they were considering their moves.

Perhaps I stood a little too close to Polugaevsky one day, since in the ninth round he lost the most important game of the tournament, one which resulted in an historic 2½ : 1½ win for BR Deutschland over the USSR and left BR Deutschland, USA and Magyarorszag within striking distance of the tournament favourite.

D34
Polugaevsky, Lev (2620) - Pfleger, Helmut (2530)
Buenos Aires (ol) 26/542, 1978

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.d4 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.♘c3 O-O 9.♗g5



9...c4!? Not a great system, as I discovered when, inspired by this game, I started playing the line myself, with an almost total lack of success!

10.♘e5 ♗e6 11.♘xc6

In his earlier loss to Pfleger, Polugaevsky had tried 11.e3

11...bxc6 12.b3 ♕a5 13.♘a4

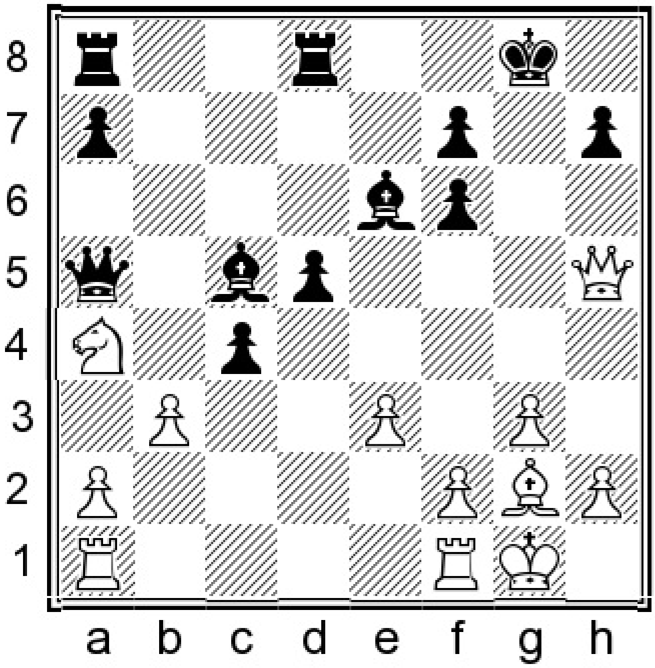
13.♕c2 is nowadays considered a more solid choice, meeting 13...♗b4 with 14.♗d2 followed by bc4 and a3.

13...♖fd8 14.e3 c5!? An ambitious idea, allowing his pawn structure to be wrecked in exchange for active play.

15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.dxc5

The modern refutation of Pfleger's line is considered to be 16.bxc4! cxd4 17.exd4 ♖ab8 18.c5! f5 19.♖c1 enabling the a4 knight to travel to c3 and e2 if needed.

16...♗xc5 17.♕h5



17...♖ac8!

Four rounds later Canadian Lawrence Day decided to "improve" against Polugaevsky by playing 17...♗f8?! only to run into 18.e4!, with a large edge which Polugaevsky duly converted Polugaevsky,Lev 2620 - Day, Lawrence 2350, Buenos Aires (ol) 1978 - 26/543

18.♖fd1

Day varied because post-game analysis of the Pfleger game (which was telexed around the world), indicated that after 18.♘xc5 ♕xc5 In fact Black should be fine in both cases: 19.♖ad1 (And 19.♕h4 were considered to be promising for White. 19...c3! 20.♕xf6 d4! and the complications are satisfactory for Black.) 19...c3! 20.♕h6 c2 21.♖c1 ♕c3

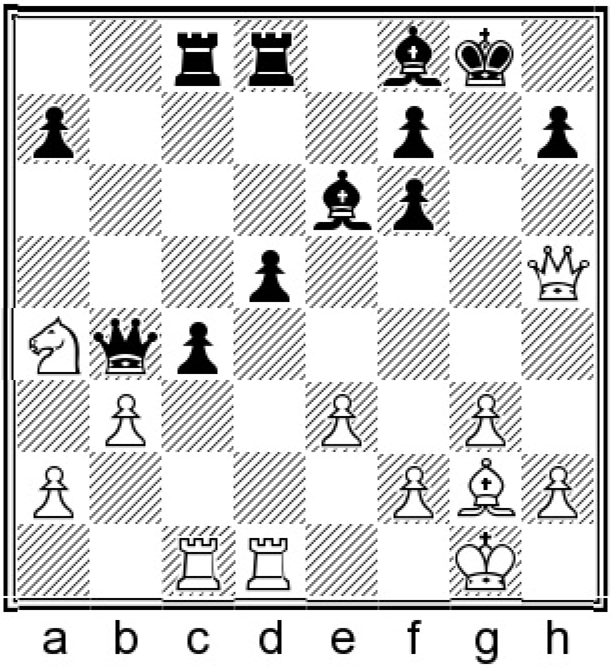
18...♗f8

18...♗b4 was a slightly better way to preserve the bishop, because 19.a3 ♗f8 leaves the b3 pawn weaker than in the game.

19.♖ac1

With 19.♗e4! h6 20.♗f5, White can still hope for a small edge.

19...♕b4



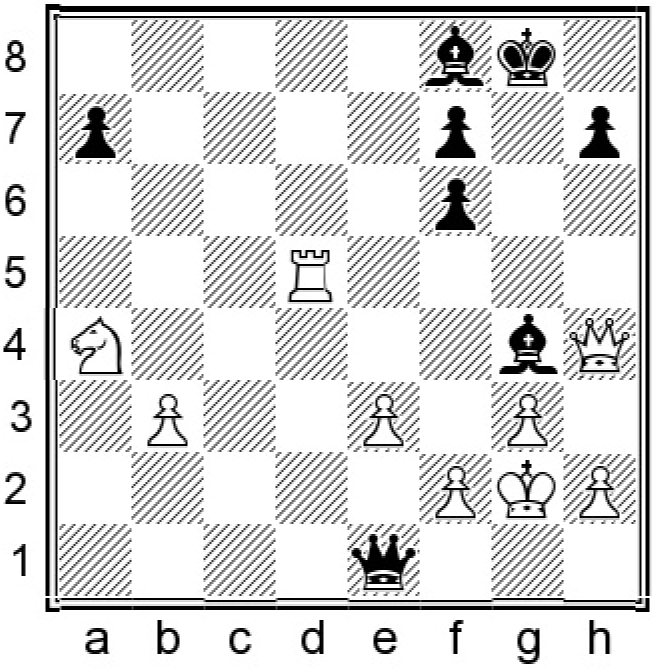
20.♗xd5? Polugaevsky thought that he was cashing in, but he had completely missed Pfleger's idea.

20.♘c3 cxb3 21.♘xd5 was a far superior way of grabbing the d5-pawn, yet even here Black can play 21...♖xd5! 22.♗xd5 ♖xc1 23.♖xc1 b2 24.♖b1 ♕c5!, with sufficient play for the exchange after 25.e4 ♕c1+ 26.♕d1 ♗a3

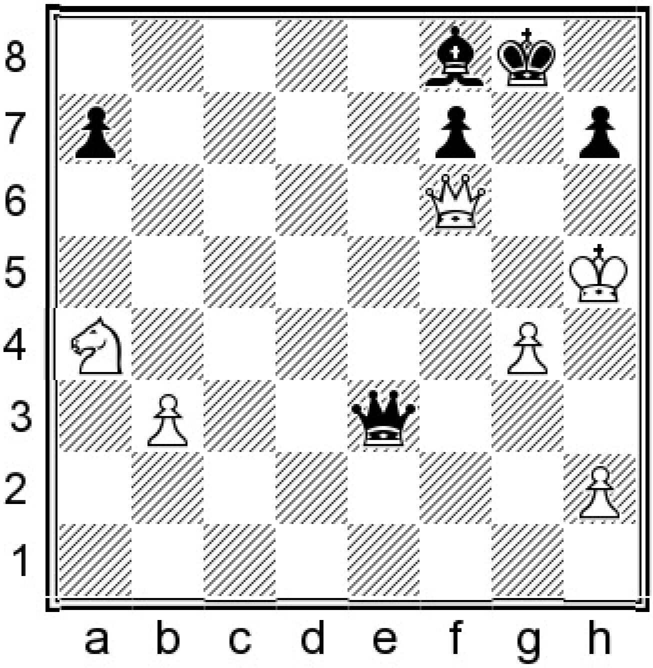
20...♖xd5! 21.♖xd5 cxb3! 22.♖xc8 ♗xc8 23.axb3

23.♕d1 bxa2 followed by 24...Be6, is also ugly for White.

23...♗g4! 24.♕h4 ♕e1+ 25.♔g2



25...♗e2! 26.g4 ♕f1+ 27.♔g3 ♕g1+ 28.♔f4 ♕g2! 29.♕xf6 ♕xf2+ 30.♔e5 ♕xe3+ 31.♔f5 ♕f3+ 32.♔g5 ♕e3+ 33.♔f5 ♗d3+ 34.♖xd3 ♕xd3+ 35.♔g5 ♕e3+ 36.♔h5



36...♗e7! 0-1

In the era before the Internet, Olympiads were the only chance for someone like me to put faces to names that I had seen in games in *Chess Informant*.

The star of the show in Buenos Aires, and the player whose games always attracted the biggest audience, was Viktor Korchnoi. The Soviet defector - now Swiss number one - had narrowly lost his world title match against Anatoly Karpov barely a week before the Olympiad began. (I knew Korchnoi's face because his controversial match in Baguio City had been front page news in

Australia.)

Though he must have been devastated by the finish to that contest, Korchnoi rushed to Argentina, missed the first three rounds while sleeping off his jet lag, and then proceeded to play 11 consecutive games, scoring nine points and securing the gold medal on board one. It was an almost superhuman performance by a player already aged 47. (After some initial enthusiasm I stayed away from Korchnoi's board: I could tolerate smoke but not that much.)

War?

There were certainly some distractions during play, apart from smoke (coming from both players and audience. Aeroplane noise above the stadium was ubiquitous, while gun shots could be heard during the playing session. Since I had heard that political prisoners were being held quite close to the stadium and that bodies had been reported to be washing up on the banks of the Rio de la Plata, I could not help but fear I was hearing people being killed. (It turned out that the prisoners were not being shot - although being tortured, drugged and thrown out of helicopters into water is hardly better.)

In addition, I awoke one morning to be told that Argentina and Chile were about to go to war. The argument was about some small southern islands which had been granted to Chile after international mediation. That wasn't acceptable for the Argentinian Generals who wanted to show Chile that they weren't bluffing with their threats to use military force to invade what I was told at the time was territory containing one man and 50 sheep.

Our team made enquiries about how quickly we could escape Buenos Aires should war be declared but fortunately a tense peace was maintained. For the next five years, the Vatican tried to mediate, though the matter was not resolved until a civilian government took over in Argentina in 1983.

If I had not already been aware that Argentina was a police state, that became apparent on the bus ride to my first round game. A nine kilometre trip was completed in under 10 minutes, thanks to police motorbikes surrounding the bus with their sirens blaring. The police had no qualms about clearing the road in front of us by forcing cars off the road, and it was a rare day that we did not witness the police causing an accident, sometimes a serious one. However as an adrenaline rush, experiencing a live version of "Speed" before the game was hard to beat.

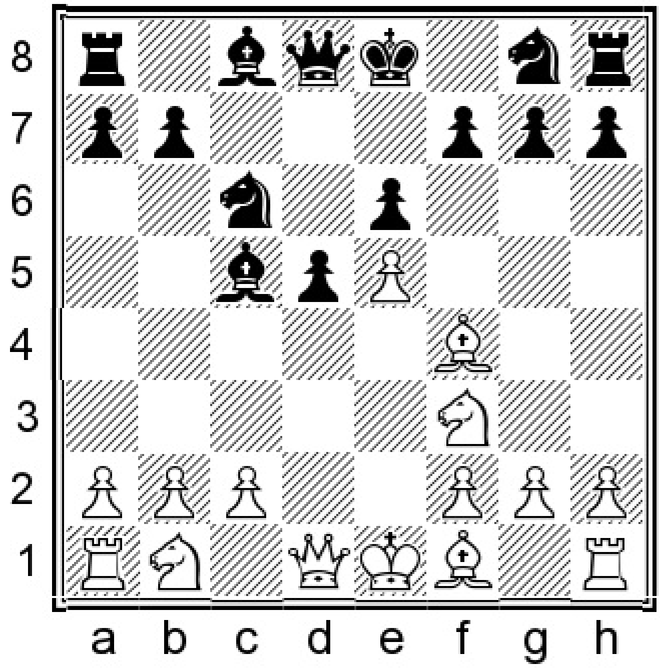
I had played against my first Grandmaster, Eugenio Torre, earlier in 1978 and lost so was not feeling particularly confident going into a match against medal contender Jugoslavija.

Yugoslavia versus Australia, Buenos Aires 1978; Photo by Øystein Brekke

C02
Velimirovic, Dragoljub (2520) - Rogers, Ian (2400)
Buenos Aires (ol), 1978

My confidence was not helped by my teammate Mike Woodhams announcing: "Ljubojevic and Velimirovic are monsters - you and Terry [Shaw] won't have a chance but maybe Robert (Jamieson) and I can score."

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗xc5 6.♗f4

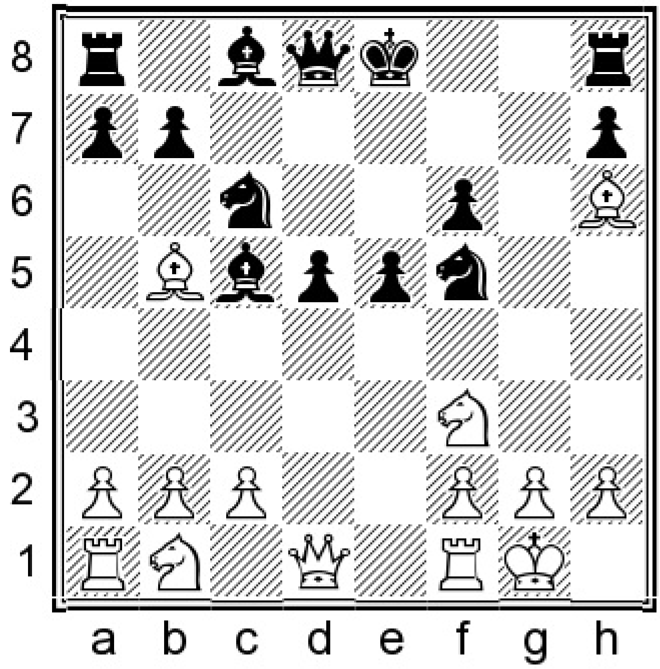


6...f6

"There is no need for Black to take risks with 6...♕b6," I wrote in my 1978 annotations. I didn't know that Velimirovic had used this weird line against the French Defence with success against Kholmov three years earlier (Velimirovic,Dragoljub 2525 - Kholmov,Ratmir 2540, Jugoslavija - USSR 1975 - 20/221), but I knew I would be walking into some tricky preparation. (I also didn't know that in 2022, the computer would indicate that 6...Qb6 wins a pawn for next to nothing!)

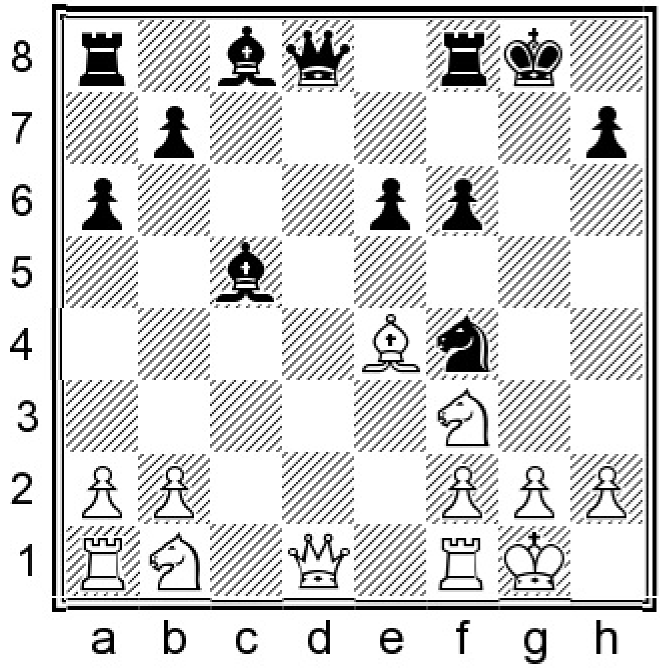
7.♗b5 ♘e7 8.exf6 gxf6 9.O-O O-O

I analysed 9...e5 10.♗h6 ♘f5?! (10...♖g8! is fine for Black.)



11.♘xe5!!, which was enough to make me decide that castling, even without pawn cover, was the best chance of not losing quickly.

10.c4 a6 11.cxd5 ♘xd5 12.♗xc6 ♘xf4 13.♗e4



13...f5! 14.♗c2 b5 15.♕xd8 Velimirovic spent more than half an hour on this exchange.

15.g3 walks into 15...♗b7! 16.gxf4 ♕c7! when f4 is impossible to defend.

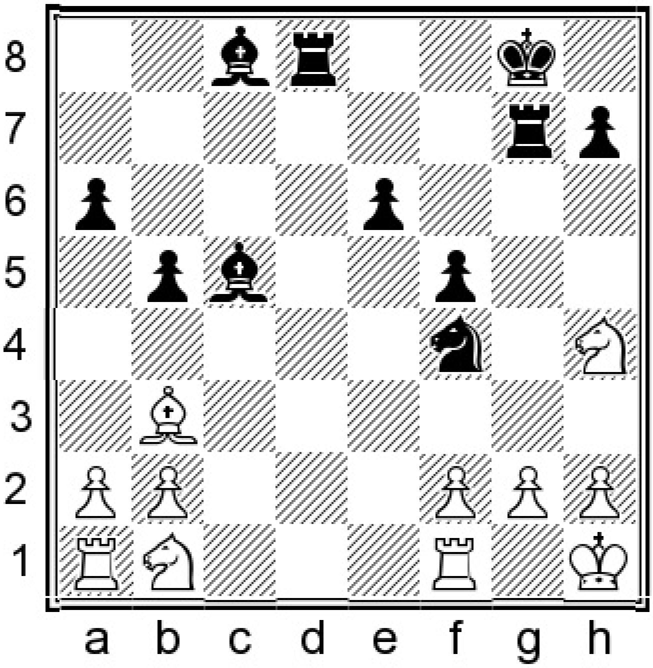
15...♖xd8 16.♗b3 ♖a7! I was very proud of this move.

Even though 16...♔f7 was twice as strong, according to the engine, the great destroyer of illusions.

17.♘h4

17.♖e1 is supposedly better, but who, let alone an attacking player like Velimirovic, would enjoy. 17...♖g7 18.g3 ♗b7 19.♘bd2

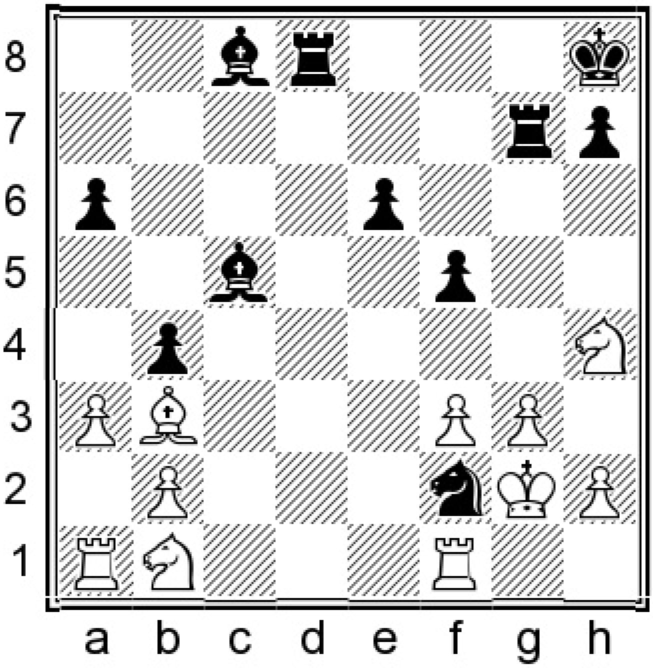
17...♖g7 18.♔h1



18...b4! Another move, tying White up, that I liked.

- and again one which the computer dismisses because 18...♖g4! 19.g3 ♗b7+ 20.f3 ♖xh4 21.gxh4 ♖d3! was winning by force.

19.g3 ♘d3 20.f3 ♔h8 21.a3 ♘f2+ 22.♔g2



22...♘g4! 23.♖c1 ♘e3+ 24.♔f2? A horrible blunder.

On 24.♔h3 I intended 24...♗d4, failing to realise that White can keep the game going with 25.axb4 f4 26.♖xc8! ♖xc8 27.♘c3! No doubt Black should still win, but without any light squares the task would be onerous and exactly the sort of technical position which at the time I tended to misplay.

24...♘c2+ 0-1

The "monsters" turned out to be not so scary as Shaw drew with Ljubojevic without problems. However Gligoric and Parma both picked up points to win the match for the favourites.

Halfway through the tournament I was approached by the English player Jonathan Mestel, whom I had first met at the World Junior Championships in Groningen in 1976. Mestel asked me to sign a petition, to be sent to the Interior Minister of the Argentinian government requesting the release of all political prisoners. I noted that only two dozen players had added their names to the petition and only one Grandmaster, Jan Timman. Though I had been told to keep my head down in Buenos Aires, I admired Mestel's bravery and nervously signed.

Team Spirit

Prior to the Olympiad starting, I had asked Australia's captain Peter Parr how team selection worked and was told that players would generally be given an equal number of games, unless one was doing particularly well or badly. "So if I win all my games I can play every round?" I naively enquired. "Absolutely!" Parr replied.

So I was shocked when after the above win I was dropped for round three! Looking back it is hard to understand how betrayed and upset the teenage me felt, and Parr's "I was joking" response when asked about his promise didn't help.

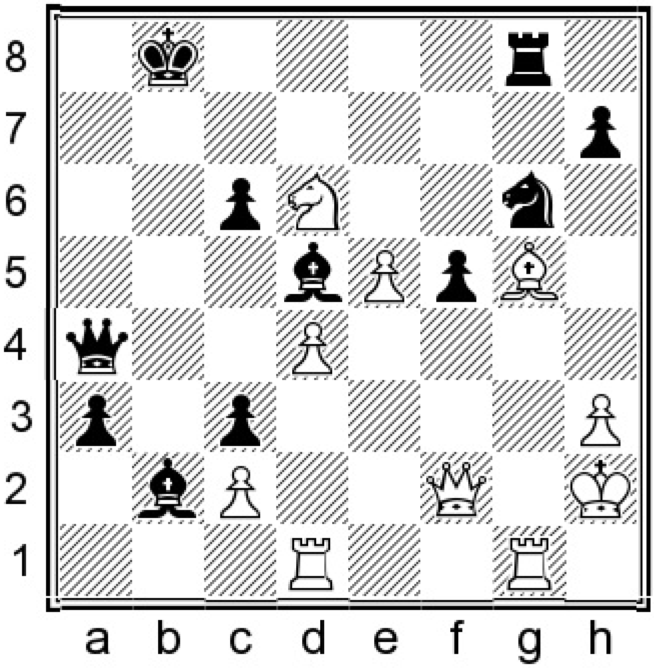
There was apparently something special about Olympiads that I needed to learn, fast.

A few days later I made the mistake of lending an opening book to our board two, Max Fuller. Jamieson, whose book it was, was furious when he returned to the room. I was expelled from the hotel room and forced to find a heaven in Depasquale's room. Then both Fuller and Jamieson, arguing over the book, refused to play, a slight problem in a team with only five players.

After an hour-long standoff, Parr convinced one of the players to allow him to put their name on the team list. I was allowed back into my room by Jamieson after the round was completed.

Are other teams this dysfunctional, I wondered, or is this normal for an Olympiad? After Jamieson's dramatic round ten game, I decided that probably every Olympiad team had their problems.

Weeramantry, Sunil - Jamieson, Robert (2420)
Buenos Aires (ol), 1978



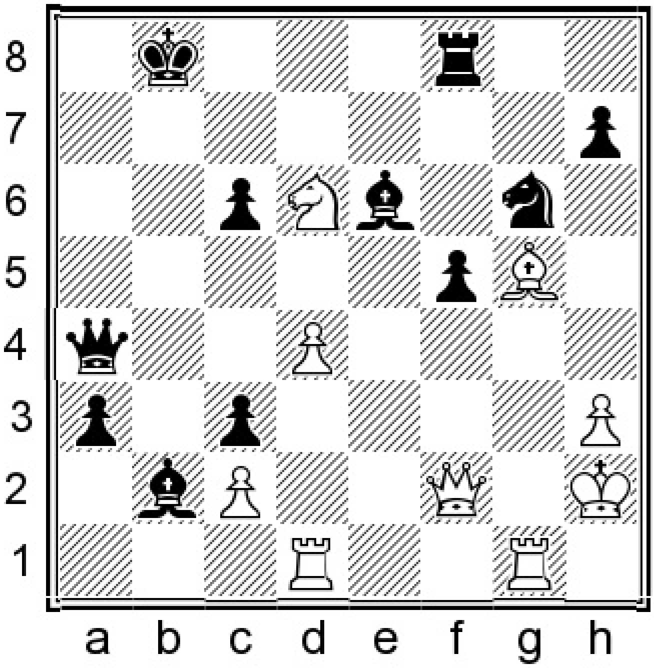
A quiet game had become progressively crazier after Black chose the queenside for his king, then gave up the exchange for activity, then tried to ignore the rest of the board as he pushed his a pawn.

However Black's next move was strikingly irrelevant...

36...♖f8?

36...a2 was obvious, though the follow-up 37.e6 ♗a3! rather less so.

Weeramantry, well known for his time trouble problems - and antics - used almost all his remaining time before finding **37.e6! ♗xe6**



38.d5!, when Black is in dire straits.

Here, as Jamieson thought about his reply, Weeramantry, who had long since given up writing down moves, tried to check out Jamieson's scoresheet to find out how many moves were left until the time control. Jamieson immediately hid his scoresheet on his lap, leaving Weeramantry appealing to the arbiter that he should be entitled to know the move number.

All this took place within 30 seconds, the time it took Jamieson to play **38...♗c8!**

The game continued **39.♕b6+ ♔a8⊕**

0-1

39...♔a8 And here White, who would be completely winning after, say, 40.dxc6, lost on time, one move before the time control.

Sunil Weeramantry; Photo by Cathy Rogers

Weeramantry went ballistic, abusing Jamieson and the arbiter in a louder and louder voice, with stronger and stronger words, and refusing to sign the scoresheets. (Meanwhile my game on board three was still going, although both my opponent and I had long become engrossed by the entertainment on board one.

Eventually the arbiter's patience ran out, and Weeramantry was forfeited for bad behaviour. He stormed off, my game concluded, and the Australians went back to our late night chicken dinner at the Sheraton Hotel.

Was that the end of the story? Not at all!

The next morning, The Australian captain was informed that Jamieson would have to resume the game the following day. It seems that Weeramantry had appealed against his forfeiture for bad behaviour and the appeals committee had overturned the arbiter's decision and ordered that the game be resumed from the final position!

Australia launched a counter-appeal, pointing out that Weeramantry had already lost the game on time, and 24 hours later the game was confirmed as a win for Jamieson.

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After a good start I finished on a modest 6½/11, White having scored 8½/9 in my games after round two. Australia had been seeded 21st and finished in a tie for 28th; and extra half point in the final round would have seen a par result.

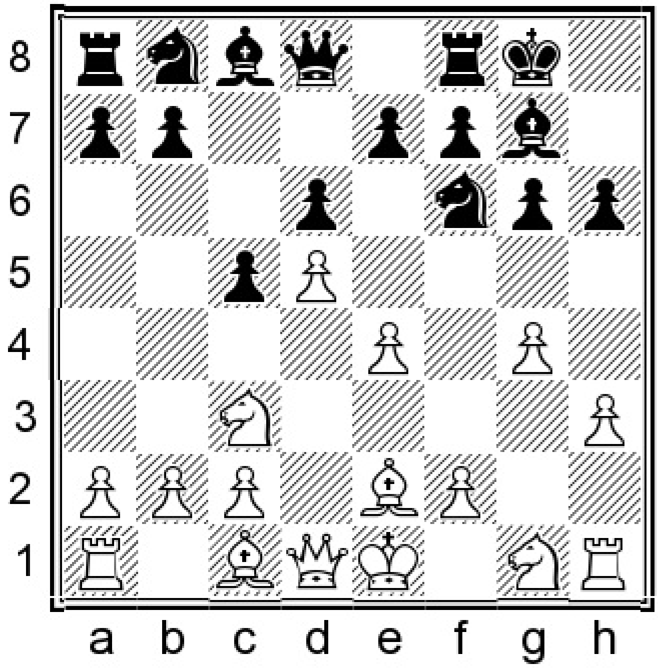
In contrast, China, on their Olympiad debut, tied for 18th after being seeded 44th. Asian players, in the same zonal events as China, already knew how strong the Chinese players were, and also how to beat them. The only high level chess literature easily accessible to the Chinese was the languageless *Chess Informant*, so any tricky opening theory which was abandoned before the mid 1960s would generally gain a large edge. (Liu Wenzhe, who had competed before the Cultural Revolution banned Western chess, was an exception.)

Europeans, on the other hand, tended to play modern main lines which, along with underestimation of their opponents, offered a happy hunting ground for the Olympic debutants.

Liu's 20 move ninth round win against Dutch Grandmaster Jan Hein Donner went around the world not just because of the finishing queen sacrifice, but because Donner had unwisely made a racist comment the previous day to a GM defeated by the Chinese Champion and board one Qi Jingxuan.

B07
Liu, Wenzhe (2200) - Donner, Jan Hein (2490)
Buenos Aires (ol) 26/169, 1978

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♗e2 ♗g7 5.g4 h6 6.h3 c5 7.d5 O-O?



RR7...♘a6 Δ Nc7

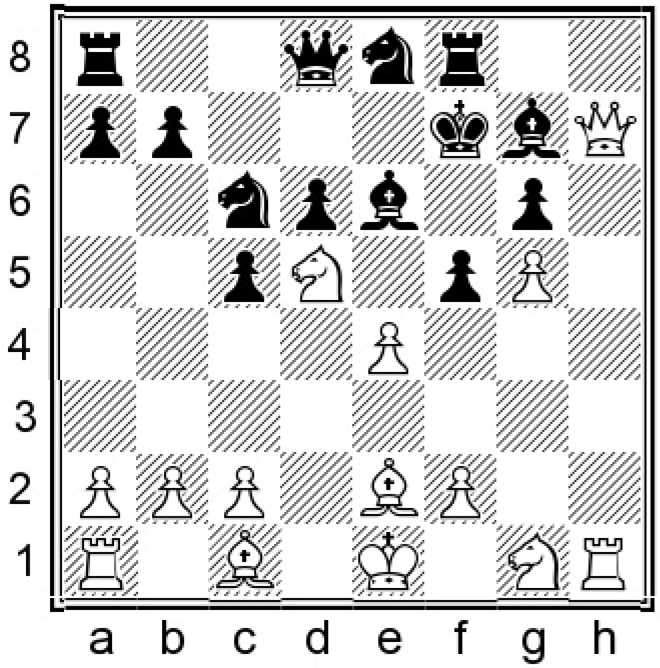
8.h4! The lack of dogmatism involved in pushing the h-pawn a second time was shocking in 1978 and led to speculation that there might soon be a Chinese School of Chess. (Liu later wrote a book with exactly that title.) Today players are far more willing to break rules, especially if, as here, the computer commends the move (and condemns 7...0-0).

8...e6 9.g5 hxg5 10.hxg5 ♘e8? Now Black is in terrible trouble.

10...♘h7 11.♕d3 ♖e8 12.♕h3 ♘f8 would at least allow Black to hang on.

11.♕d3! exd5 12.♘xd5 ♘c6 13.♕g3 ♗e6 Black has missed a decisive tactic, but pushing the f-pawn a move earlier would lose the g6-pawn, and more.

14.♕h4 f5 15.♕h7+ ♔f7



16.♕xg6+!! ♔xg6 17.♗h5+ ♔h7 18.♗f7+ ♗h6 19.g6+! ♔g7 20.♗xh6+ 1-0

Hungary Wins

As is now legend, in 1978 the Soviet Union failed to win an Olympiad in which they participated, for the first and only time. They did not take it well.

At the closing ceremony I heard that USSR officials were accusing Jugoslavija of throwing their final match to Magyarorszag, to enable the Hungarians to take gold. (Back in 1978, while relations between players were generally fine, the Soviet government had good reason to believe it was hated by most Hungarians and was owed no favours by non-aligned Jugoslavija.)

The "evidence" was that on board two Ljubomir Ljubojevic had fallen into an opening trap against Zoltan Ribli, a trap which Ribli's teammate Portisch had used to win in the ninth round a week earlier. How could Ljubojevic, a top 10 player at the time, not have noticed this game? The question had an easy answer, though not one the Soviet officials wanted to hear. Even I knew that Ljubojevic was not spending his evenings in Buenos Aires studying the Olympiad bulletins.

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RIBLI

Buenos Aires 1978, Round 14, Yugoslavia vs Hungary, Ribli before game; Photo by Øystein Brekke

E04
Ribli, Zoltan (2585) - Ljubojevic, Ljubomir (2605)
Buenos Aires (ol) 26/(522), 1978

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.♗g2 ♘c6 4.d4 e6 5.O-O ♘f6 6.c4 dxc4 7.♕a4 ♗d7 8.♕xc4 cxd4 Then and now considered Black's safest option.

8...b5 is more fun but strategically riskier.

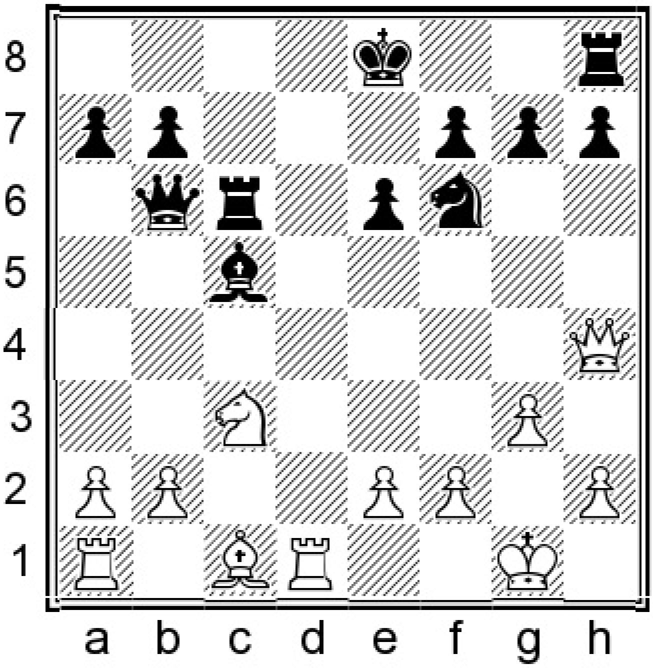
9.♘xd4 ♖c8 10.♘c3 ♘xd4 11.♕xd4 ♗c5 12.♕h4! ♗c6 This was considered almost obligatory until three decades later.

Then it was discovered that 12...O-O was playable, e.g. 13.♗xb7 ♖b8 14.♗f3 ♖b4 with good compensation for the pawn Kramnik,Vladimir 2790 - Naiditsch, Arkadij 2684, Dortmund 2010 - 109/321

13.♖d1 ♕b6

13...♕e7 loses immediately to 14.♗g5, but 13...♕a5 is a better try, with the idea that 14.♗h6 can be met by 14...O-O 15.♗xg7 ♗xf2+! 16.♔xf2 ♔xg7

14.♗xc6+ ♖xc6



15.♗h6!! A brilliant idea, perhaps inspired by Browne v Bisguier, USA (ch), four years earlier. 15.Bh6 had been launched for the first time by Portisch against Radulov in round 9 (Portisch,Lajos 2630 - Radulov, Ivan 2490, Buenos Aires (ol) 1978 - 26/(522)) but had attracted little attention since that was also the day that BR Deutschland beat the Soviet Union.

Black can capture on f2 or guard f8, but the Hungarians already knew - and computers later confirmed - that Black has no good reply.

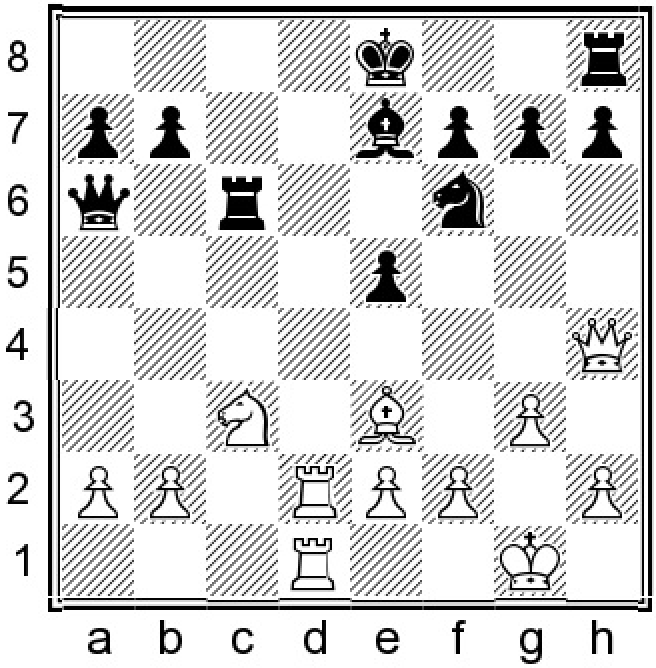
15...♗f8

Radulov had tried 15...gxh6 16.♕xf6 O-O but after 17.♘e4 ♕b4 18.♕e5!, Portisch was well on top and won easily.

16.♖d2!

Computers rate 16.♖d3 even more highly but Ribli's move is good enough.

16...e5 17.♗e3 ♕a6 18.♖ad1 ♗e7



19.♕g5! O-O 20.♕xe5 With a safe extra pawn, soon to be two, the rest is a matter of technique for Ribli, even against the world #12 of the time.

20...♗b4 21.♖d8 ♖c8 22.♖xc8 ♖xc8 23.♕d4 ♗a5 24.♕xa7 ♗xc3 25.bxc3 ♕b5 26.♕b6 ♕a4 27.♖d8+ ♖xd8 28.♕xd8+ ♘e8 29.f3 h6 30.♔f2 ♕c6 31.c4 ♕a4 32.♕c8 ♔h7 33.c5 ♕b5 34.a4 ♕xa4 35.♕xb7 ♕c4 36.♕e4+ ♕xe4 37.fxe4 g5 38.c6 f6 39.♗b6 ♔g6 40.♔e3 ♔f7 41.♔d4 ♔e6 42.♗d8 g4 43.c7 ♘d6 44.♔c5 ♔d7 45.♔d5 ♘b5 46.e5 fxe5 47.♔xe5 ♘c3 48.e4 ♘d1 49.♔f6 1-0

In retrospect, the final pre-Kasparov Olympiad was the perfect opportunity for an upset, given that Karpov and his second Mihail Tal were unavailable after their Baguio City efforts. (Russia also has not won an Olympiad post-Kasparov.)

That does not explain why Magyarorszag was also able to tie for first place in Malta 1980 - although having three past or future Candidates in Portisch, Ribli and Gyula Sax on the top three boards certainly helped.

The Women's Olympiad was a different story, the Soviet Union not only winning team gold but taking every individual gold medal as well. This would not be such an achievement today, when the medal system is rigged to favour the top teams, but back in 1978, when all players had equal chances, it was astonishing. (For example, Magyarorszag and the USSR only secured one medal each - and no individual gold - in the open Olympiad in 1978.) The top scorer for the USSR women was Elena Akhmilovskaya - the only non-Georgian in the team - who managed 10/10 on the reserve board.

Postscript

On the day after the final round, as I went to leave the hotel a security guard placed a tag on my suitcase with my room number on it and directed me to the accounts office. Expecting to be told that nothing was missing from my minibar and that I could go, I discovered that I had been charged $80 for a short telephone call back to my family in Australia which was supposed to have been reverse charges.

After my protests that a mistake had been made were dismissed, I returned to my bag and wondered how to escape my predicament. Salvation arrived with the appearance of the English team waiting to check out. Raymond Keene's bags were tagged and placed next to mine while he went to settle his bill. Knowing Keene's celebrity, I waited until the guard's back was turned and swapped tags with one of Keene's many bags, picked up my suitcase and began to leave. I was stopped by the guard, who checked my bag's room number, learned that all bills for that room had now been paid, and was allowed to leave.

I later learned that Keene had also had no trouble leaving which is probably the only luck that he enjoyed in Buenos Aires. Not only did he play poorly but in that same hotel lobby two weeks earlier Korchnoi had accused him of selling his opening plans for the final game of the world title match to the Soviets.

For the next four days I laid low in a run-down but cheap hotel, not even visiting the Grandmaster tournament that had just begun in Buenos Aires for fear that the police would be hunting for anyone who had signed Mestel's petition.

My paranoia was unnecessary - I left Ezeiza International Airport without incident and headed to the Nederland for an IM tournament in the Dutch forest town of Eerbeek.

GUNNERMURI TALES

By GM Marian Petrov

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Game Changers?

PART V

A New (Soviet) Era

I

Bronstein's first major international tournament success occurred at the Saltsjobaden Interzonal of 1948, which he won. His qualifying place in this event came through nominations from foreign chess federations. He earned his Grandmaster title in 1950, when FIDE, the World Chess Federation, formalized the process. His Interzonal win qualified him for the Candidates' Tournament of 1950 in Budapest. Bronstein became the eventual Candidates' winner over Boleslavsky after a playoff match (Moscow 1950). The period 1945-1950 saw a meteoric rise in Bronstein's development, as he reached the World Chess Championship Match in 1951.

Marian Petrov

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- **Born:** 1975
- **Rating:** 2448
- **Peak rating:** 2549
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2010

Bronstein is widely considered to be one of the greatest players not to have won the World Championship. He came close to that goal when he tied the 1951. World Championship Match 12 : 12 with Mikhail Botvinnik, the reigning champion. Each player won five games, and the remaining 14 games were drawn. In a match where the lead swung back and forth several times, the rivals tested each other in a wide variety of opening formations, and every game (except the 24th) was full-blooded and played hard to a bitter end.

Bronstein often avoided lines he had favoured in earlier events, and frequently adopted Botvinnik's own preferred variations. This strategy seemed to catch Botvinnik by surprise, especially since the champion had not played competitively for three years since winning the title in 1948.

The quality of play was very high by both players, although Botvinnik would later complain about his own weak play. He only grudgingly acknowledged Bronstein's huge talent. Bronstein claimed four of his five match wins by deep combinational play, winning before adjournment in a highly complex fashion. He led by one point with two games to go, but lost the 23rd game and drew the final (24th) game. Under FIDE rules, the title remained in Botvinnik's hands, and Bronstein was never to come so close again. Botvinnik wrote that Bronstein's failure was caused by a tendency to underestimate endgame technique, and a lack of ability in simple positions. Botvinnik won four virtually level endgames after the adjournments, and his fifth win came in an endgame that Bronstein resigned at move 40.

MOSCOW 1951

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Mikhail BOTVINNIK	½	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	½	0	0	1	½	12
David BRONSTEIN	½	½	½	½	1	0	0	½	½	½	1	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	0	½	1	1	0	½	12

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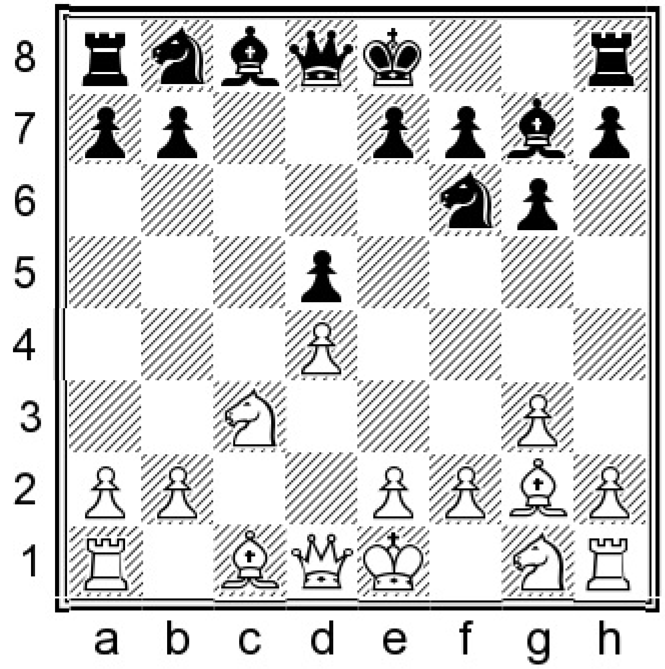
Botvinnik, Mikhail Moisevich - Bronstein, David
Moscow (m/23), 1951

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.♗g2 d5 5.cxd5 cxd5

This line usually gives Black a solid position but it is not easy to play for a win and White has a safe game where he can push slowly for advantage.

6.♘c3 ♗g7



7.♘h3 A very rare move, which puts a question whether to take the knight or to allow Nf4.

7...♗xh3

7...♘c6 8.♘f4 O-O 9.O-O e6 10.e3 b6 11.b3 ♗a6 12.♖e1 ♕d7= Stoltz,Gosta - Carls,Carl Johan Margot, Sverige - Deutschland (m) Sopot 1935

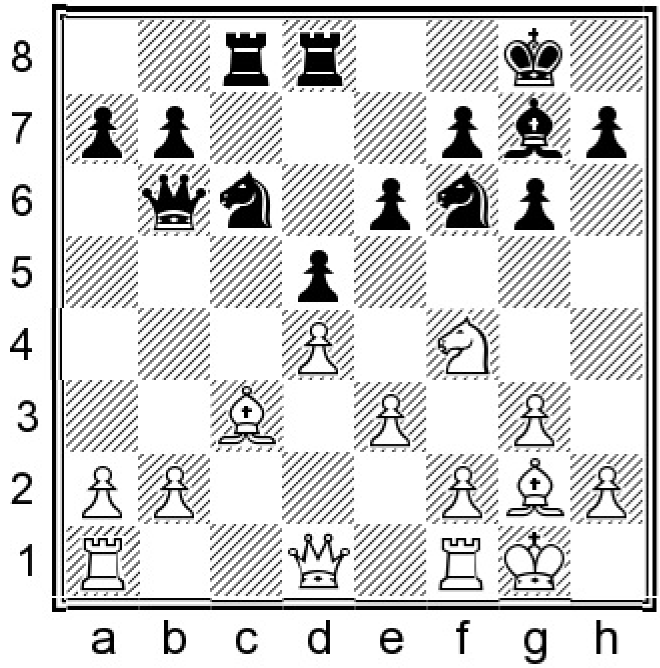
8.♗xh3 ♘c6 At this point it is almost a new position already after only 8 moves.

9.♗g2

9.O-O h5 10.♗g2 h4 11.♗f4 e6 12.e3 ♘h5 13.♕g4 ♘xf4 14.♕xf4 h3 15.♗h1 ♕f6= Najdorf,Miguel - Bronstein,David, Argentina - USSR (m) Buenos Aires 1954

9...e6 10.e3 O-O 11.♗d2 ♖c8 The position is equal and it is hard to see how anyone can improve much. Here often the trades of the major pieces occur on the c-file and then the games usually end in a draw.

12.O-O ♘d7 13.♘e2 ♕b6 14.♗c3 ♖fd8 15.♘f4 ♘f6



16.♕b3 Botvinnik offers endgame and Black has to take on b3 or to allow Qb6.

16...♘e4

16...♕xb3 17.axb3 ♖c7 18.♘d3 ♖dc8 looks very comfortable for Black.

17.♕xb6 axb6 18.♗e1 ♘a5 19.♘d3 ♗f8 Black is not sure exactly what to do and starts playing without a clear plan.

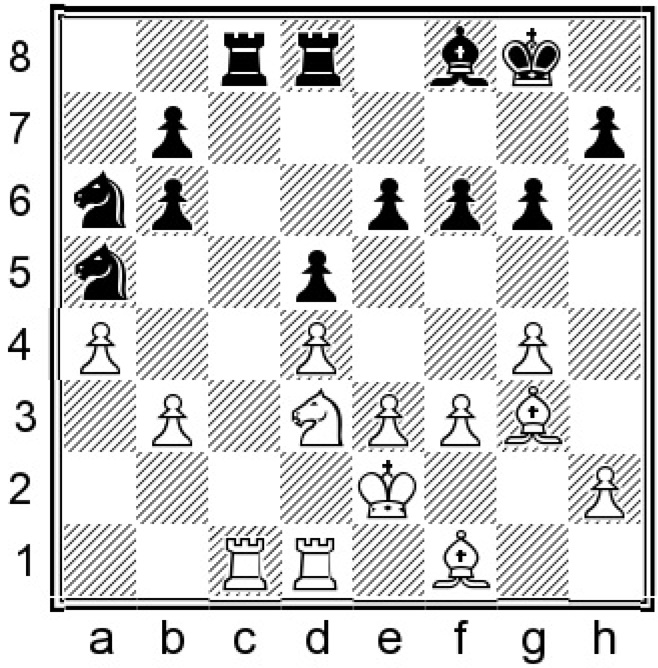
20.f3 ♘d6 21.♗f2 ♗h6 22.♖ac1 ♘ac4 23.♖fe1 ♘a5

23...♘f5 24.f4 ♘fd6 gets the e4-outpost.

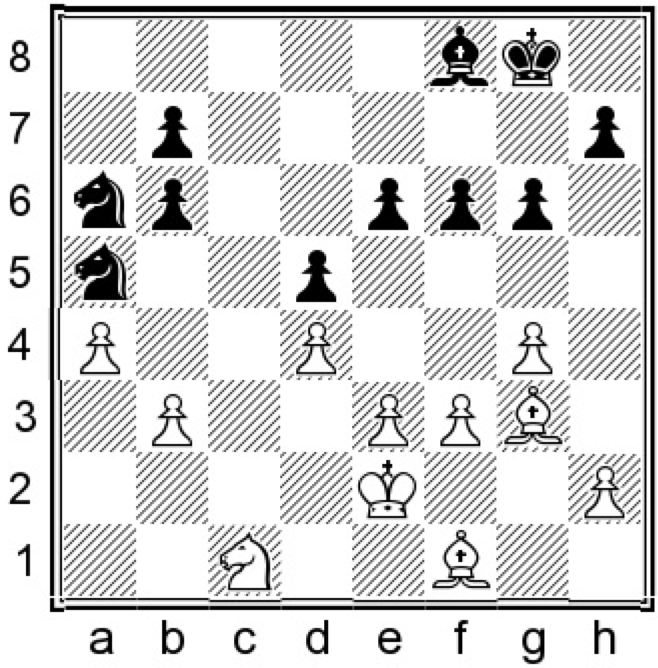
24.♔f1 ♗g7 25.g4 ♘c6 26.b3 ♘b5 27.♔e2 ♗f8 28.a4 ♘c7 29.♗g3 White is slowly improving but still there is no real danger for the challenger.

29...♘a6 30.♗f1 f6 31.♖ed1 ♘a5

31...♔f7 32.h4 ♘ab4 looks quite simple for Black.



32.♖xc8 ♖xc8 33.♖c1 ♖xc1 34.♘xc1

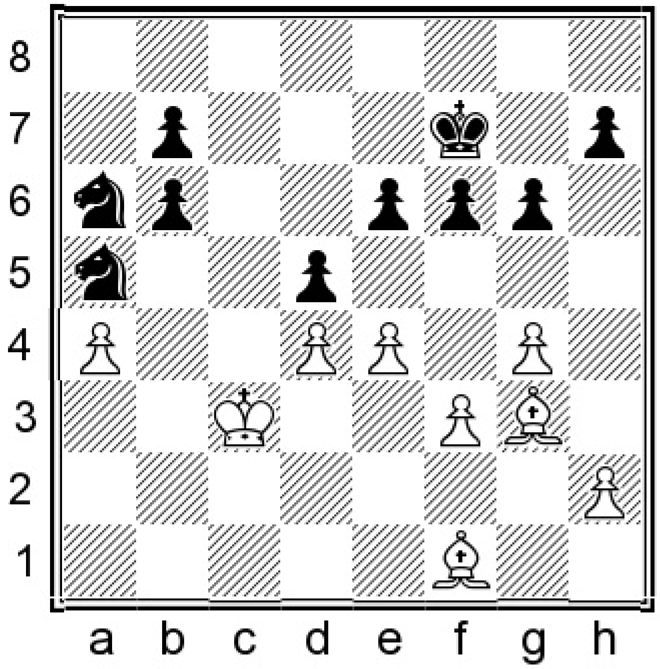


34...♗a3 Black is tempted to win a pawn but then White gets good compensation with his potentially strong bishops.

35.♔d1 ♗xc1

35...♔f7 36.♗b5 ♔e7 - again is very solid.

36.♔xc1 ♘xb3+ 37.♔c2 ♘a5 38.♔c3 ♔f7 39.e4 White has to try to open some diagonals.



39...f5?!

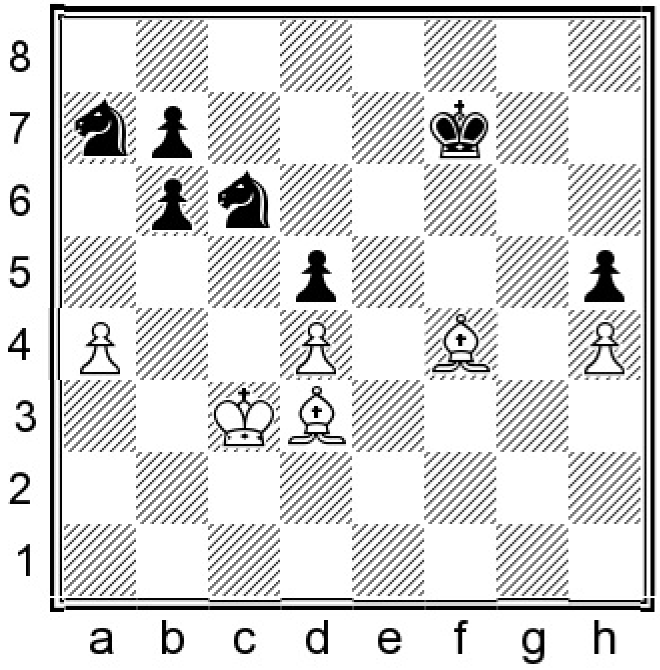
39...♘c6 40.♗b5 ♔e7 and it is not clear how White improves his prospects.

40.gxf5 gxf5 41.♗d3 Now white has some pressure because the black knights are very bad.

41...♔g6 42.♗d6 ♘c6 43.♗b1 ♔f6 44.♗g3 fxe4 45.fxe4 h6 46.♗f4 h5 47.exd5 exd5 48.h4 ♘ab8

The best defence is 48...♘e7 49.♗g5+ ♔e6 50.♗xe7 ♔xe7 51.♗g6 b5! 52.axb5 ♘c7 53.b6 (53.♔b4 ♘e6) 53...♘a8

49.♗g5+ ♔f7 50.♗f5 ♘a7 51.♗f4 ♘bc6 52.♗d3



52...♘c8?

52...♘e7 53.♗g5 ♘g8 54.♗d8 ♘c6 55.♗xb6 ♘f6±

53.♗e2 ♔g6 54.♗d3+ ♔f6 55.♗e2 ♔g6 56.♗f3 Black kept the pawn but lost the game.

56...♘6e7 57.♗g5 1-0

II

Smyslov was one of the five players selected to compete for the 1948 World Chess Championship Tournament to determine who should succeed the late Alexander Alekhine as champion. His selection was questioned in some quarters, but this criticism was amply rebutted when he finished second behind Mikhail Botvinnik, with a score of 11/20. With his second-place finish at the 1948 World Championship, Smyslov was admitted directly into the 1950 Budapest Candidates' Tournament.

Smyslov scored 10/18 for third place, behind Bronstein and Boleslavsky, who tied for the 1st place. He was awarded the International Grandmaster title in 1950 by FIDE on its inaugural list.

After winning the Candidates Tournament in Zuerich 1953, with 18/28, two points ahead of Keres, Bronstein, and Samuel Reshevsky, Smyslov played a match with Botvinnik for the title the following year. The match took place in Moscow once again. The match was a best of 24 games (same as the conditions for the 1951 match). The first player to reach 12½ points would be crowned World Champion. If the match ended in a 12 : 12 tie, the defending champion (in this case Botvinnik) would retain the title.

The first round was played on March 16th 1954, and the match ended on May 13th 1954. It was a very tough contest, and once again ended in a 12 : 12 tie which meant the defending champion retained his title.

MOSCOW 1954

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Vassily SMYSLOV	0	0	½	0	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	12
Mikhail BOTVINNIK	1	1	½	1	½	½	0	½	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	½	½	½	0	½	½	0	½	12

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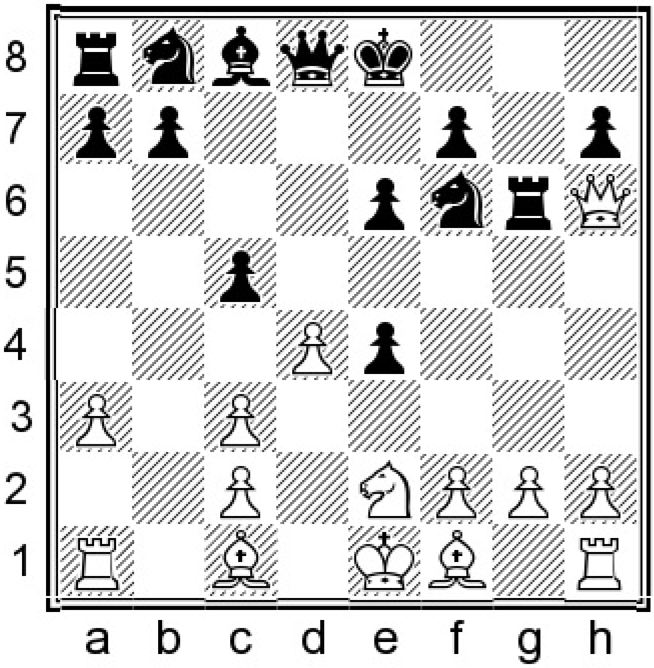
Smyslov, Vassily - Botvinnik, Mikhail Moisevich
Moscow (m/21), 1954

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.a3 Smyslov goes for this rare line where the play is more direct.

4...♗xc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.♕g4 ♘f6 7.♕xg7 ♖g8 8.♕h6 c5 9.♘e2 ♖g6



10.♕d2 This was a novelty back then, but already there was only two games with Qe3.

10...♘bd7 11.♗b2?!

Probably the best plan is 11.g3 b6 12.♗g2 ♗b7 13.O-O ♕c7 14.a4 O-O-O 15.a5± Kuzmin,Gennadi P 2545 - Dolmatov,Sergey 2545, USSR 1981

11...b6

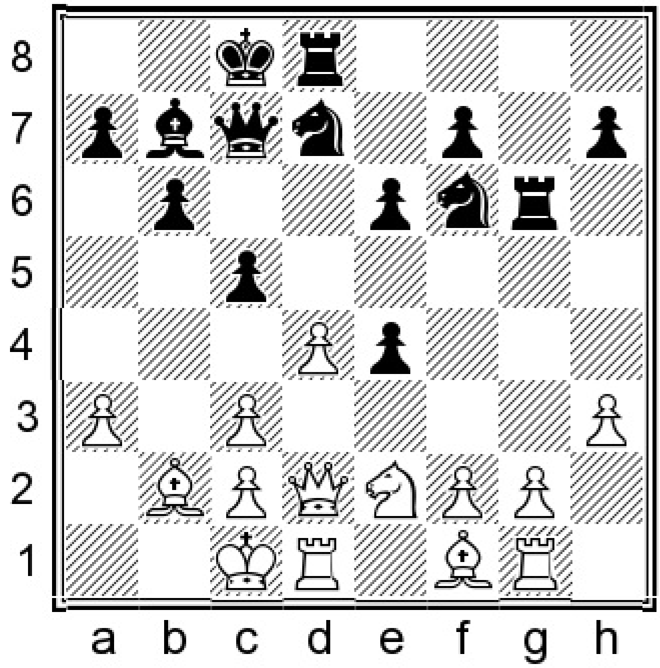
Better is 11...♘b6 12.♘f4 ♖g8=

12.h3

12.♘f4! ♖g8 13.d5±

12...♗b7 13.♖g1 The last two moves are quite strange and it is hard to see what is the idea behind them.

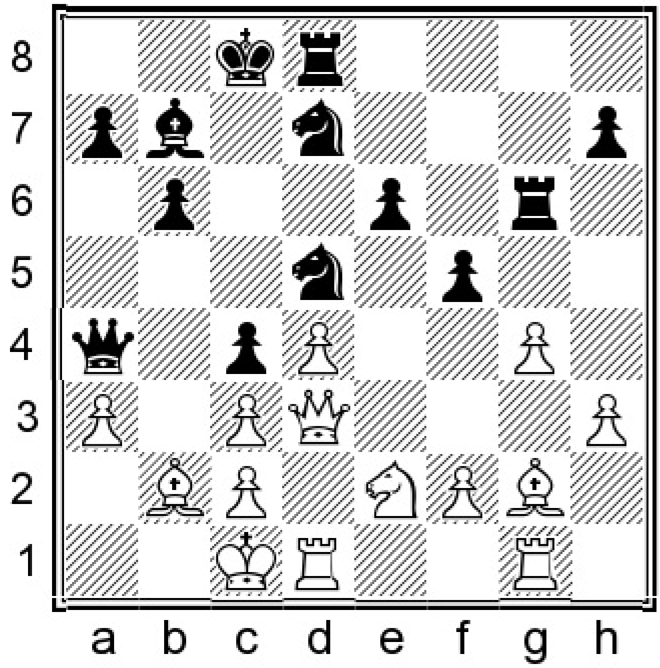
13...♕c7 14.O-O-O O-O-O



15.♕f4 The champion does not want to test Smyslov's endgame skills which is quite understandable.

15...♕c6 16.g4 ♘d5 17.♕xe4 ♕a4 Black is complicating the game which is a bit risky. Probably against Tal he would trade the queens.

18.♗g2 f5 19.♕d3 c4



20.♕g3

20.♕d2! gives White a clear edge after 20...fxg4 (20...♘7f6 21.g5 ♘e4 22.♗xe4 fxe4 23.♘g3±) 21.hxg4 ♖xg4 22.♗xd5+-

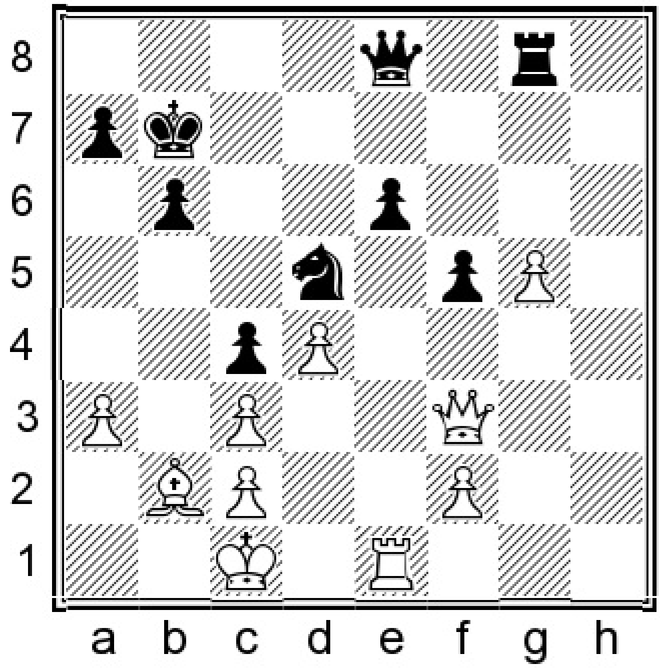
20...♘7f6 21.♘f4

21.♗xd5 ♘xd5 22.♘f4 ♘xf4 23.♕xf4 ♗e4 24.♖d2 and Black should fight for a draw here.

21...♘xf4 22.♗xb7+ ♔xb7 23.♕xf4 ♘d5 24.♕f3 ♖f8

24...fxg4 25.hxg4 ♖f6=

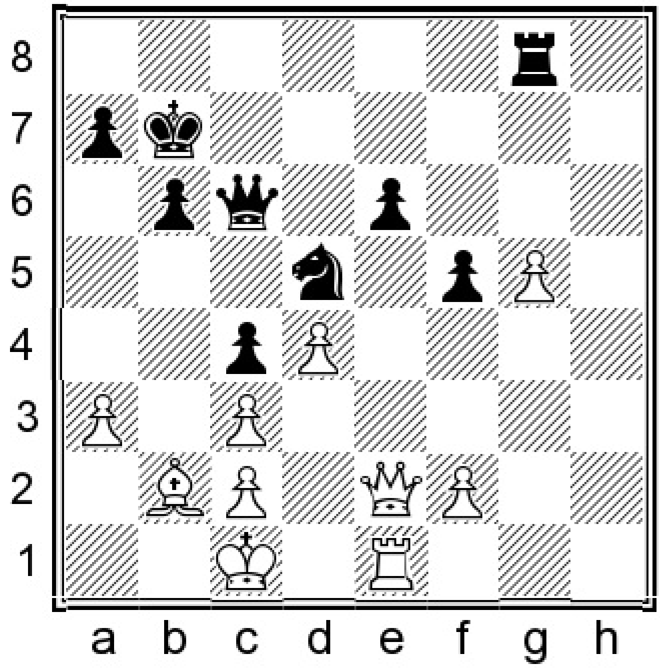
25.♖de1 ♕e8 26.g5 h6 27.h4 hxg5?! 28.♖xg5 ♖xg5 29.hxg5± ♖g8



30.♕e2

30.♔b1 ♕c6 31.♗c1 gives White good chances to win.

30...♕c6



31.♕xe6? White just agrees to a draw with this move. Without the g-pawn there is no chance to win.

31.♖g1 ♖g6 32.♕h5 ♕e8 33.♕h7+ ♔a6 34.♔b1±

31...♕xe6 32.♖xe6 ♖xg5 33.♖e5 ♔c6 34.♔d2 a5 35.a4 ♖h5 36.♖e6+ ♔c7 37.♖e5 ♔c6 38.♖e6+ ♔c7 39.♖e5 ♔c6 40.♖e6+ 1/2-1/2

Smyslov had to wait for the next match, where he would eventually defeat the champion, only to lose the rematch.

Botvinnik vs Smyslov, Moscow 1954; Photo is from Smyslov's personal archive

The Magician from Riga
Mikhail Tal

Mikhail Tal (1936 Riga - 1992 Moscow), the 8th World Chess Champion, was praised as a pure creative, since he played in an attacking and daring combinatorial style, often relying on improvisation and unpredictability. He won the crown by defeating the reining Champion Botvinnik 12,5 : 8,5 in the match played in Moscow (March-May 1960). However, Tal's reign on the chess Olympus was a short one, as he lost the title in the return match a year later in the same venue 13 : 8 in Botvinnik's favour. Even though he was considered a strong favourite due to his majestic win the previous year and being 25 years younger, Tal could not repeat the same level of chess due to his illness and psychological burden of the title itself.

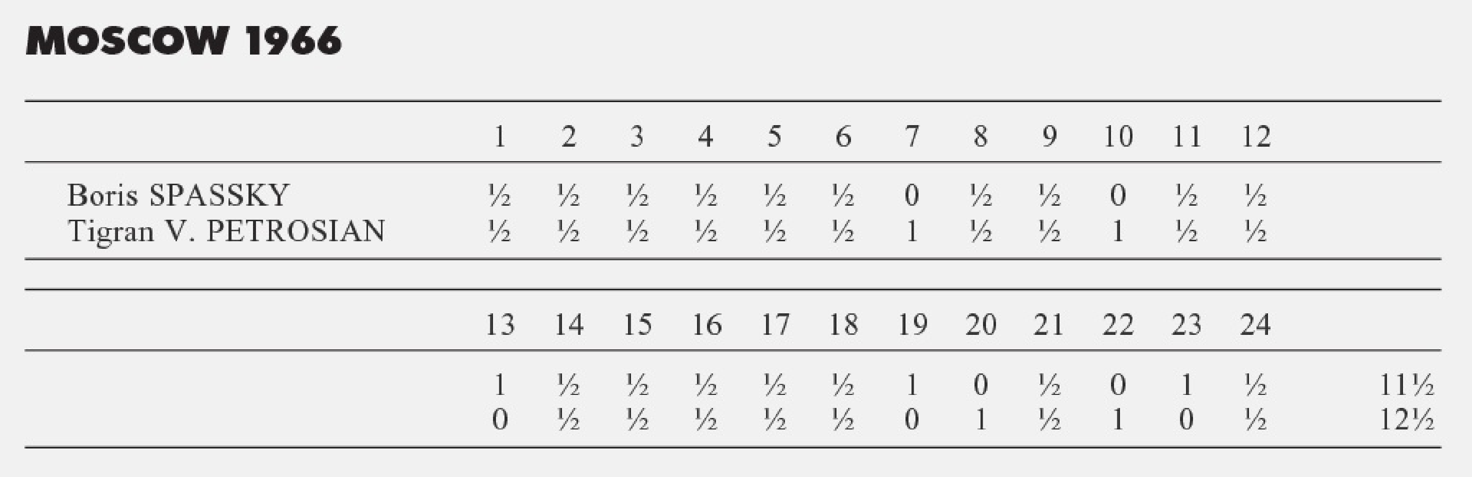
III

The Interzonal tournament was held in Amsterdam, Nederland in May and June 1964. Six spots in the Candidates tournament were on the line. Since FIDE rules only allowed a maximum of three players from the same nation to qualify from the interzonal, Stein and Bronstein were ineligible, so instead Bora Ivkov qualified. The sixth and final place in the Candidates Tournament was decided in a 3-game playoff in which Portisch beat Reshevsky 2½ : ½. Bobby Fischer, the winner of the previous Interzonal in 1962, declined his invitation, despite qualifying by winning the 1963-64 US Championship.

After the controversy surrounding the previous Candidates Tournament, the 1965 Tournament was the first to be played as a knock-out series of matches. Two players were seeded directly into the tournament: Mikhail Botvinnik (loser of the last championship match) and Paul Keres (2nd place in the 1962 Candidates). Botvinnik declined the invitation and his place was taken by Efim Geller, who finished 3rd in the 1962 Candidates. Spassky won, earning the right to challenge World Champion Petrosian for the title.

The match was played as best of 24 games, with the Champion (Petrosian) retaining the title in the event of a 12 : 12 tie. While Petrosian retained the title with a 12 : 10 lead after Game 22, he and Spassky decided to play the final two games anyway - a sign of fine sportsmanship.

Despite the fact that Petrosian was leading with two points after game 10, Spassky managed to come back, winning the games 13 and 19. Then the Champion won games 20 and 22 thus keeping the title.



MOSCOW 1966

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Boris SPASSKY	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	½	0	1	½	11½
Tigran V. PETROSIAN	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	½	1	0	½	12½

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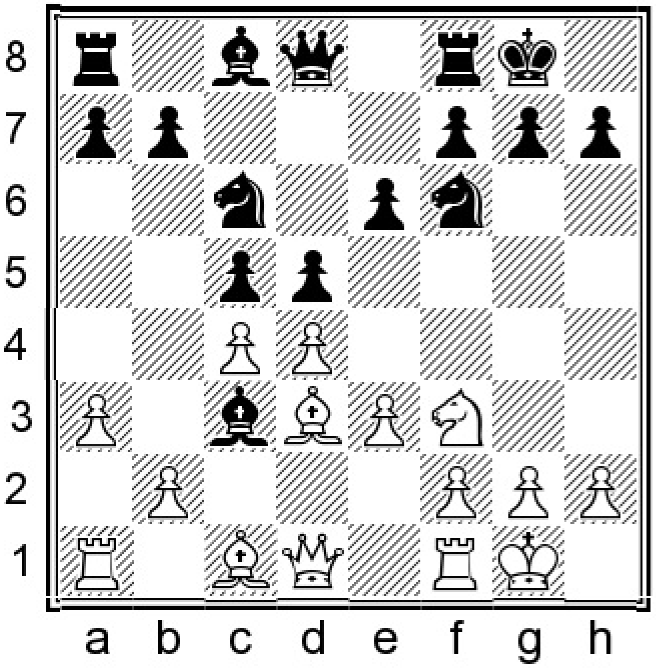
Petrosian, Tigran V - Spassky, Boris
Moscow (m/20) 1/404, 1966

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 c5 6.♘f3 d5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.a3 ♗xc3

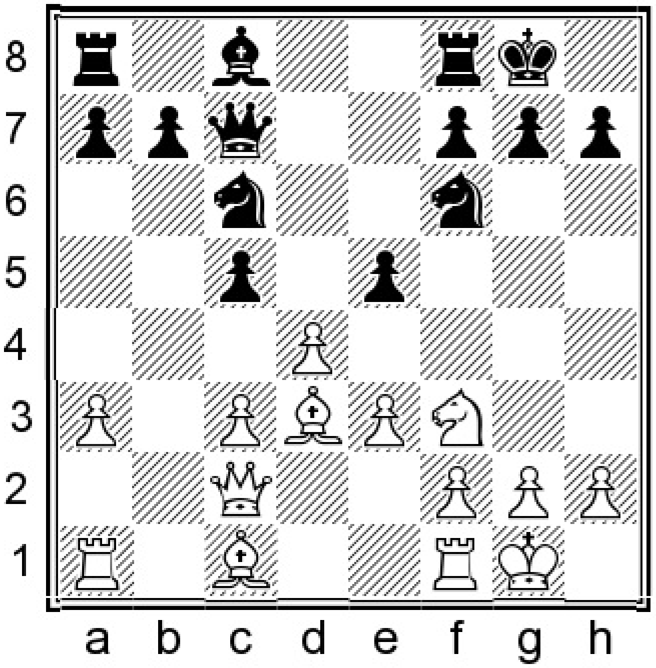


9.bxc3 This is probably the most popular line in the Nimzo-Indian and here there are thousands of games played.

9...dxc4 10.♗xc4 ♕c7 Here White has a big choice of moves and plans but this move is the most popular.

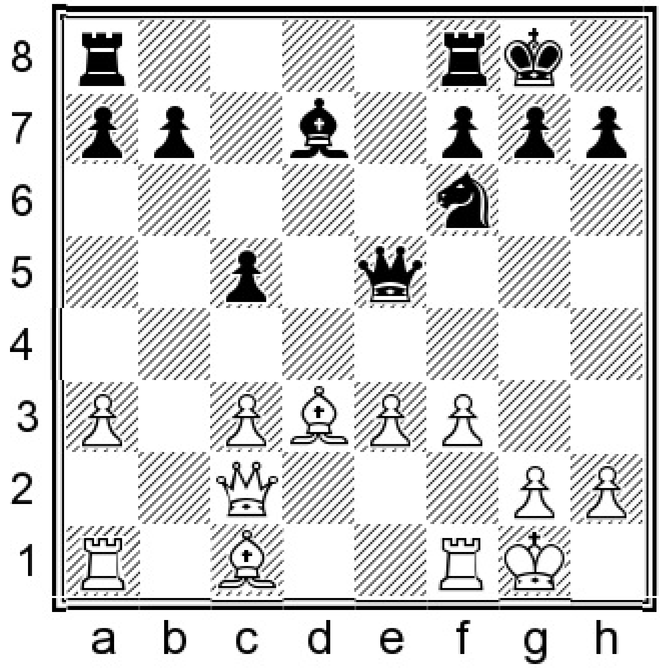
11.♗d3 e5 - as otherwise e4 is coming.

12.♕c2



12...♗g4 At the time this was considered as the best move. Nowdays, Re8 is a preferred option.

13.♘xe5 ♘xe5 14.dxe5 ♕xe5 15.f3 ♗d7



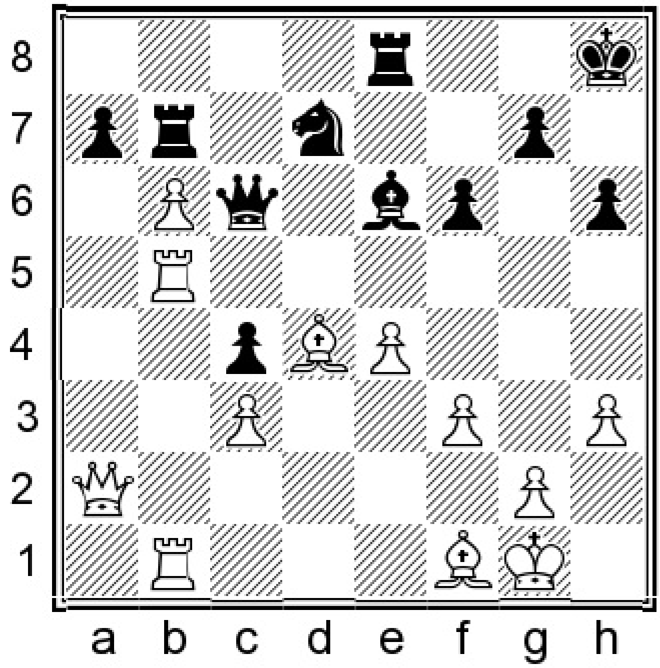
16.a4 A new idea back then.

The alternative being 16.e4

16...♖fe8 17.e4 c4 Looks active but gives the outpost d4 for the bishop.

18.♗e2 ♗e6 19.♗e3 ♕c7 20.♖ab1 ♘d7 21.♖b5 b6 22.♖fb1 ♕c6 23.♗d4 With simple moves White took the initiative.

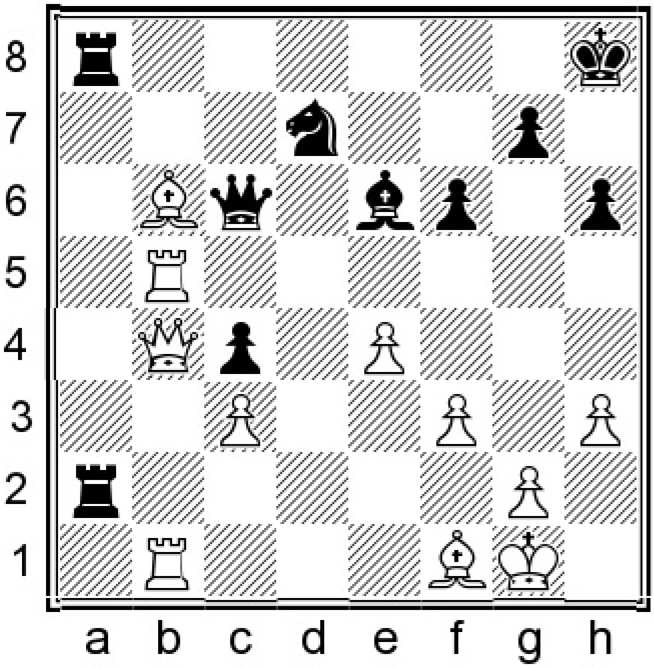
23...f6 24.♕a2 ♔h8 25.♗f1 h6 26.h3 ♖ab8 27.a5 ♖b7 28.axb6



28...axb6 For the moment Black is holding but the champion is trying to find improvements.

29.♕f2 ♖a8 30.♕b2 ♖ba7 The idea to sacrifice the pawn and look for active counterplay is good.

31.♗xb6 ♖a2 32.♕b4



32...♖c2?? But, Spassky goes for a wrong plan and now he does not have any compensation.

Still he could get equal game with 32...♖2a4 33.♕e7 ♖b8 34.♖5b2 ♖aa8 35.♗d4 ♖e8 36.♕b4 ♖eb8=

33.♗f2 ♕c7 34.♕e7 ♗xh3 Pure desperation.

35.gxh3 ♖xf2 36.♔xf2 ♕h2+ 37.♗g2 ♘e5 38.♖b8+ ♖xb8 39.♖xb8+ ♔h7 40.♖d8 ♘g6 41.♕e6 1-0

One of the very few matches in the history in which the Champion is winning the match. Spassky had to wait for the next match to claim the title.

IV

The 1967 Interzonal Tournament was played in Sousse, Tunis. The first six finishers qualified for the Candidates, along with Boris Spassky and Mihail Tal who were seeded into the Candidates matches as finalists of the previous tournament. A major controversy occurred when Bobby Fischer, who was leading the tournament with seven wins and three draws in ten rounds, abandoned the event over a dispute with the organisers. Fischer withdrew before he had played half of his games, the results of his games were not included in his opponents' totals. Bent Larsen went on to win the event, with Korchnoi, Geller, Gligoric, and Portisch taking the next four places.

There was a three-way tie for sixth place among Samuel Reshevsky, Vlastimil Hort, and Leonid Stein, who played a round-robin playoff to determine the final place in the Candidates matches. The playoff also ended in a three-way tie, so Reshevsky qualified.

Spassky won the Candidates Tournament Matches as he did in the 1966 cycle earning the right to challenge Petrosian for the World Championship the second time.

The match took place in Moscow between April 14 and June 17, 1969 and was a very close contest as both players won 3 games during the first 16 games. Then Spassky won 3 more games and lost only one, thus clinching the title of the World Champion.

MOSCOW 1969

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Boris SPASSKY	0	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	0	0
Tigran V. PETROSIAN	1	½	½	0	0	½	½	0	½	1	1

12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	0	1	½	½	12½
½	½	½	½	½	0	½	0	1	0	½	½	10½

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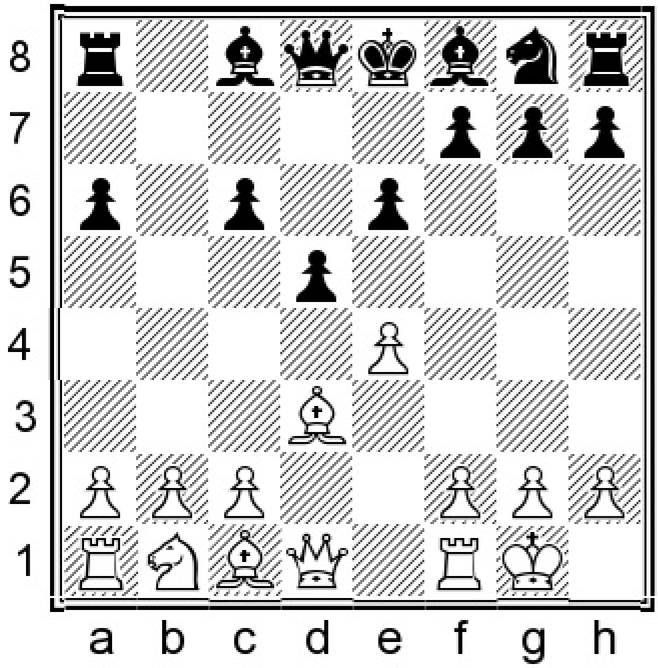
Spassky, Boris - Petrosian, Tigran V
Moscow (m/17) 7/318, 1969

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 Petrosian is not known for sharp Sicilian games but he wanted to play actively in this one.

5.♗d3 ♘c6 6.♘xc6 This line is more positional, so it's not far from the style of the reigning Champion.

6...bxc6 7.O-O d5



8.♘d2

8.c4 ♘f6 9.♘c3 is more popular.

8...♘f6 9.b3

9.♕e2 ♗e7 10.♖e1 O-O 11.b3 a5 12.♗b2 a4 13.a3 axb3 14.cxb3± Smyslov, Vassily - Tal,Mihail, Bled/Zagreb/Beograd 1959

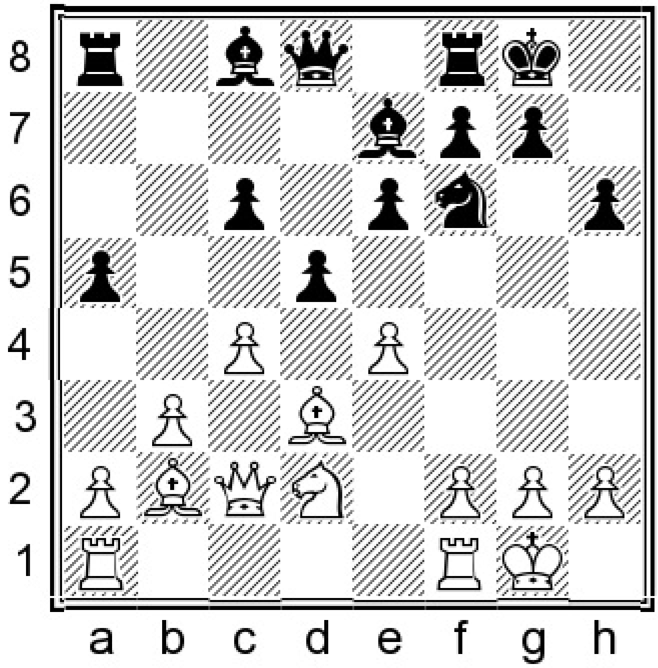
9...♗b4

9...♗e7 10.♗b2 O-O 11.♖e1 a5= Damjanovic,Mato - Kholmov,Ratmir, Sochi 1964

10.♗b2

10.exd5 ♗c3 11.♖b1 (11.dxe6! ♗xa1 12.♗a3 ♗e5 13.exf7+ ♔xf7 14.♘f3 ♗f4 15.g3±) 11...cxd5 12.♗b2= Robatsch,Karl - Portisch,Lajos, Varna (ol) 1962

10...a5 11.c3 ♗e7 12.c4 O-O 13.♕c2 h6



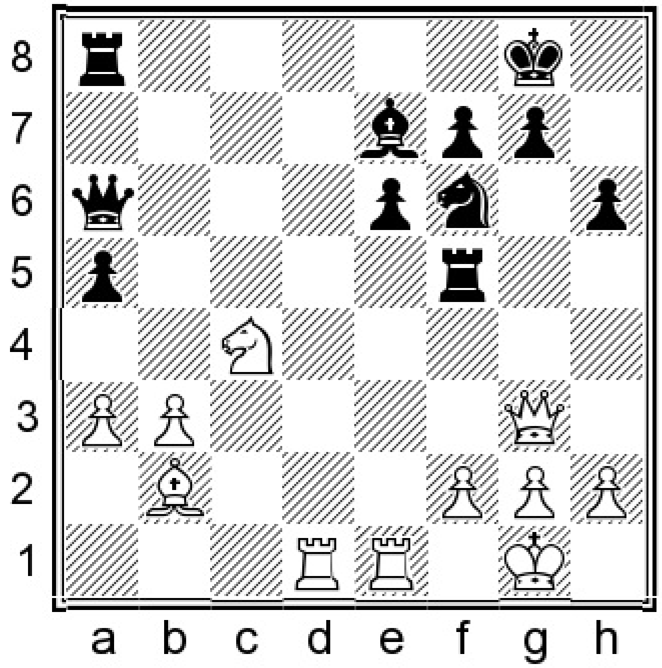
White managed to create a nice set-up for his minor pieces, but now he has to find a good plan to keep the edge.

14.a3

14.♖ac1 a4 15.exd5 cxd5 16.c5±

14...♗a6 15.♖fe1 ♕b6 16.exd5 cxd5 17.cxd5 In only a few moves Black got a very good position and can even try to play for the advantage.

17...♗xd3 18.♕xd3 ♖fd8 19.♘c4 ♕a6 20.♕f3 ♖xd5 21.♖ad1 ♖f5 22.♕g3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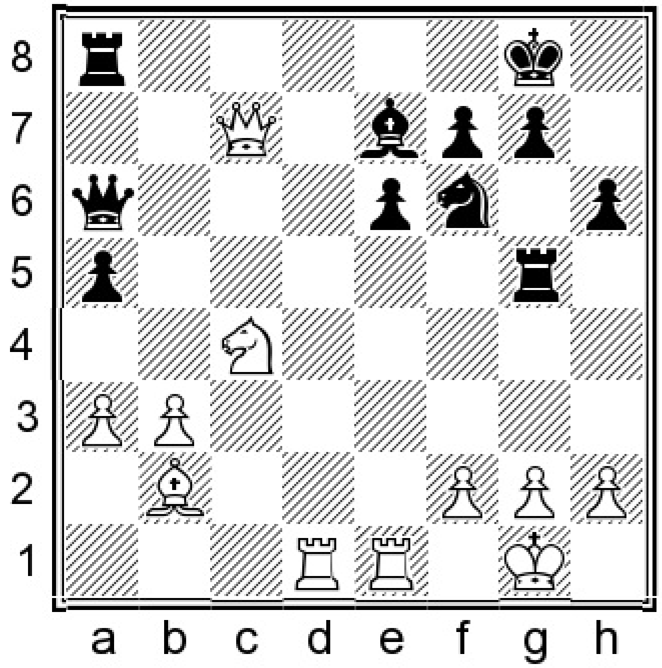
22...♖g5

22...♕b7 23.♖e5 ♘h5 24.♕e3 ♘f4 25.♕e4 ♕xe4 26.♖xe4 ♘g6=

23.♕c7?! A risky move by Spassky but probably he hoped that the champion will not enter the complications after Nd5.

23.♕f3 ♖c8=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23...♖e8?

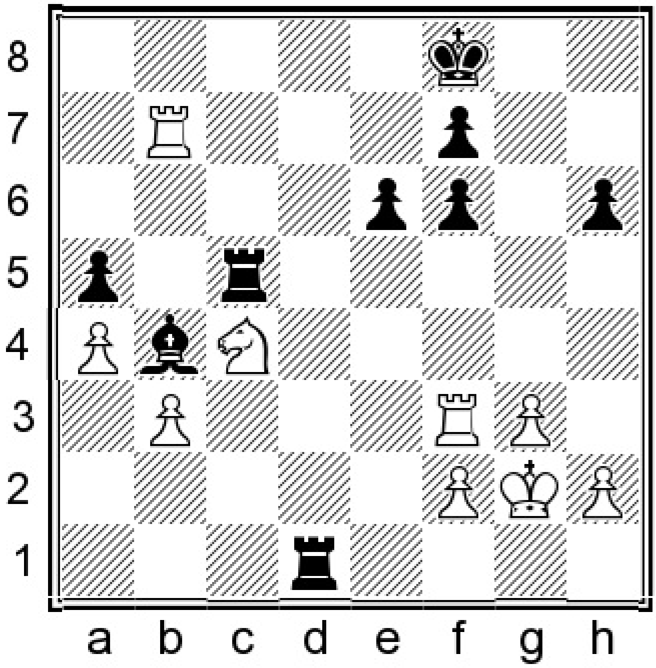
23...♘d5! and White has to find some good moves to stay in the game. 24.♖xd5 exd5 25.h4 (25.♘b6 ♗d6 26.♕xd6 ♖g6 27.♕xd5 ♖xb6-+) 25...♖f5 26.♘b6 ♗xh4 (26...♖a7 27.♕c2 ♕xb6 28.♕xf5±) 27.g3

♗xg3 28.fxg3 ♖f8∓

24.♗xf6 gxf6

It was worth trying 24...♗xf6 25.♖d7 (25.♘d6 ♖f8 26.♘e4 ♗e5 27.♕c4 ♕xc4 28.bxc4 ♖h5 29.h3=) 25...♖c8 26.♕b7 ♕xb7 27.♖xb7 a4∓

25.♖d7 ♖c8 26.♕b7 ♕xb7 27.♖xb7 ♔f8 28.a4 ♗b4 29.♖e3 ♖d8 30.g3 ♖d1+ 31.♔g2 ♖c5 32.♖f3



32...f5?? It is really hard to explain such a blunder.

32...♔g7=

33.g4! ♖d4 34.gxf5 exf5 35.♖b8+ Now it is very difficult, if not impossible, to hold the endgame.

35...♔e7 36.♖e3+ ♔f6?

36...♖e4±

37.♖b6+ ♔g7 38.♖g3+ ♔f8 39.♖b8+

39.♖xh6+-

39...♔e7 40.♖e3+ ♔f6 41.♖b6+ ♔g7 42.♖g3+ ♔f8 43.♖xh6 f4 44.♖gh3 ♔g7 45.♖6h5 f3+ 46.♔g3 ♖xh5 47.♖xh5 ♖d3 48.♘xa5 ♔g6 49.♖b5 ♗xa5 50.♖xa5 ♖xb3 51.♖a8 ♖a3 52.a5 ♔f5 53.a6 ♔g6 54.a7 ♔g7 55.h4 ♔h7 56.h5 ♔g7 57.h6+ ♔h7 58.♔f4 1-0

The Greatest Ever?
Robert James Fischer

Robert James Fischer (Bobby Fischer, 1943 Chicago ? 2008 Reykjavik), the 11th World Chess Champion is a unique figure in chess history. A chess prodigy, the youngest Grandmaster, and highest rated player of his era, a deeply complex person over-the-board and in social life. After pulverizing all the contenders for the crown, finally he defeated the defending Champion Boris Spassky 12,5 : 8,5 in the legendary "Match of the Century". Unfortunately, in 1975 Fischer refused to defend his title when an agreement could not be reached with FIDE over the match conditions.

Consequently, the challenger, Anatoly Karpov was named World Champion by default.

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Two Interzonal Tournaments were held in 1976 in Manila and Biel, with the top 3 from each qualifying for the Candidates Tournament. Mecking, Polugaevsky and Hort qualified for the Candidates Tournament, as well as Larsen qualified outright.

Petrosian, Portisch, and Tal contested a playoff in Varese later in the year for the remaining two spots, from which Petrosian and Portisch qualified. As loser of the last championship (by forfeit) and runner-up of the previous Candidates tournament, respectively, Bobby Fischer and Viktor Korchnoi were seeded directly into the Tournament. When Fischer declined, Spassky, as losing semifinalist of the previous tournament, was offered the spot.

Viktor Korchnoi, formerly a representative of the USSR played under the FIDE flag during this cycle. Korchnoi narrowly defeated Petrosian again in the Candidates quarter finals, then comfortably won his matches against Polugaevsky and Spassky to emerge as the official challenger to Karpov, the reigning Champion.

The 1978 World Chess Championship was played between Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi in Baguio City, Philippines from July 18 to October 18, 1978. Karpov won, thereby retaining the title.

The match had many bizarre incidents. Karpov's team included Dr. Zukhar (a well known hypnotist), while Korchnoi enlisted the help of two American Ananda Marga yoga specialists who had recently been convicted of attempted murder and released on bail. There was more controversy off the board, with histrionics ranging from X-raying of chairs, protests about the flags used on the board, the inevitable hypnotism complaints and the mirror glasses used by Korchnoi.

When Karpov's team sent him a blueberry yogurt during a game without any request for one by Karpov, the Korchnoi team protested, claiming it could be some kind of code. They later said this was intended as a parody of earlier protests, but it was taken seriously at the time. The match itself and quality of play never equaled the press headlines that it generated, although as a sporting contest it had its share of excitement.

The match would go to the first player to win six games, draws not counting. After 17 games, Karpov had a 4 : 1 lead. Korchnoi won game 21, but Karpov won game 27, reaching the brink of victory with a 5 : 2 lead.

Korchnoi fought back, scoring three wins and one draw in the next four games, to equalise the match at 5 : 5 after 31 games. However, Karpov won the very next game, and the match, by 6 : 5 with 21 draws.

BAGUIO CITY 1978

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Viktor KORCHNOI	2665	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	1	½	0	0	½	½
Anatoly KARPOV	2725	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	0	½	1	1	½	½

		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	
		0	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	0	15½
		1	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	0	½	0	1	16½

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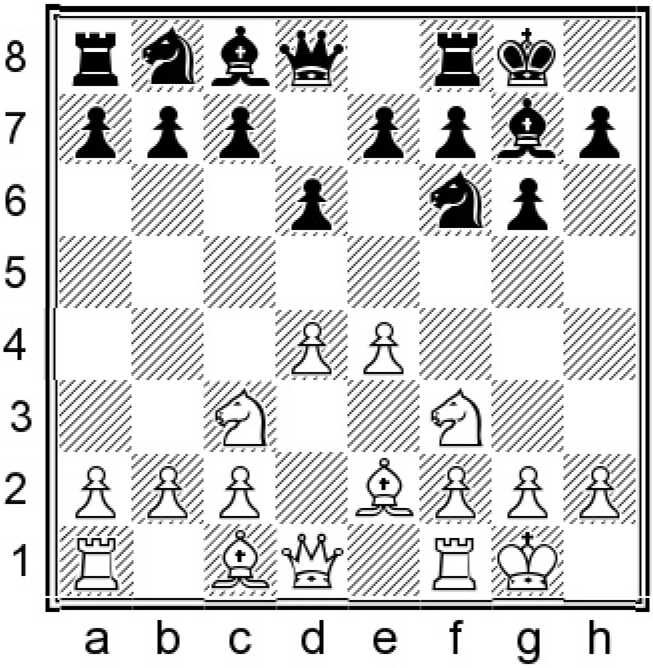
Karpov, Anatoly (2725) - Kortschnoj, Viktor Lvovich (2665)
Baguio City (m/32) 26/93, 1978

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 A surprising choice of opening which shows that Black is seeking complications.

4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♗e2 O-O 6.O-O



6...c5 Back then this was a new idea in this move order. Now White has to decide what type of opening he wants to switch to.

7.d5 ♘a6 8.♗f4 ♘c7 This idea is very a standard one nowadays.

9.a4 b6 10.♖e1

10.h3 ♗b7 11.♖e1 ♖e8?! 12.♗c4 a6 13.♕d3 ♘d7 14.e5± Kluger,Gyula - Tal, Mihail, Kislovodsk (izt) 1964

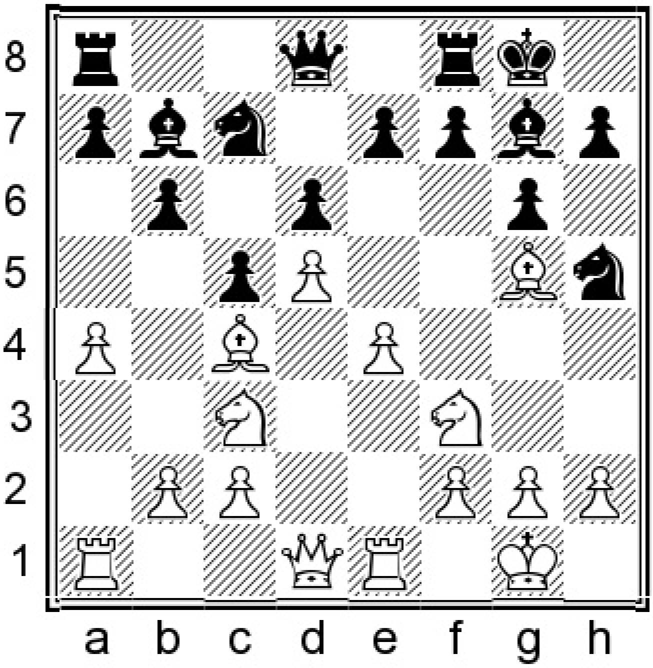
10...♗b7

10...a6 11.h3 ♖b8 12.e5±

11.♗c4 ♘h5

11...a6 12.h3 ♕d7 13.♕d3 ♘h5 14.♗h2 b5 15.axb5 ♗xc3 16.♕xc3 axb5±

12.♗g5



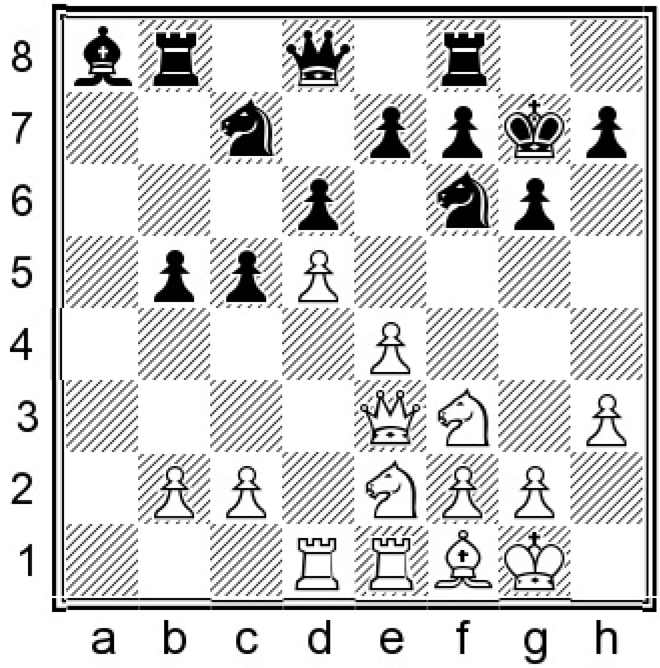
12...♘f6? It seems that Black is not sure what to do here.

12...♕d7±

13.♕d3 a6 14.♖ad1 ♖b8 15.h3 ♘d7 16.♕e3 ♗a8 17.♗h6 White has more space but Black has a pretty solid position.

17...b5 18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.♗f1 ♘f6 20.axb5 axb5 21.♘e2

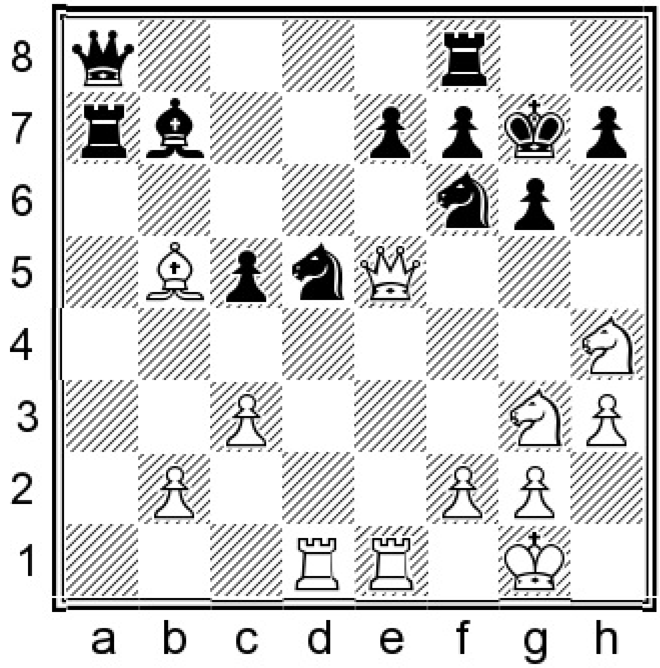
21.b3 b4 22.♘a4±



21...♗b7? Black should open the centre to activate his minor pieces and to get more active play.

21...e6 22.dxe6 ♘xe6 23.e5 ♘d5 24.♕d2 dxe5 25.♘xe5 b4=

22.♘g3 ♖a8 23.c3 ♖a4 24.♗d3 ♕a8 25.e5 dxe5 26.♕xe5 ♘xd5 27.♗xb5 ♖a7 28.♘h4



28...♗c8?

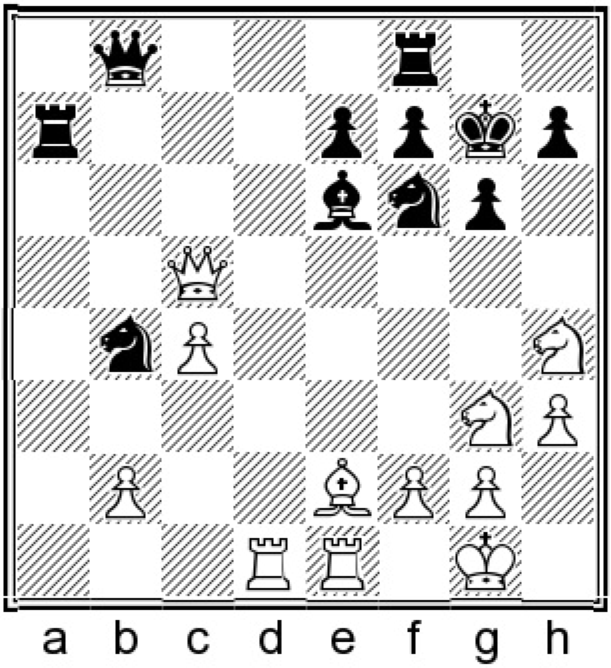
28...♕b8 29.♕g5 e6 30.c4 ♘f4 31.♕xc5 ♖a2 32.♕d4 ♕c7∞

29.♗e2?

29.♕g5 ♕b8 30.c4+-

29...♗e6 30.c4 ♘b4 31.♕xc5 ♕b8

31...♘c2 32.♖f1 ♖b8 33.♕e5 ♕b7∞



32.♗f1?

32.♕g5+-

32...♖c8

32...h6⩱

33.♕g5 ♔h8 34.♖d2 ♘c6 35.♕h6 ♖g8

35...♘g8 36.♕e3 ♖b7 37.♕c3+ ♘f6±

36.♘f3 ♕f8 37.♕e3 ♔g7 38.♘g5 ♗d7 39.b4 ♕a8 40.b5 ♘a5 41.b6 ♖b7 1-0

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KARPOV

Korchnoi vs Karpov, Baguio City 1978; Photo: original source unknown

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Borislav Ivkov 1933-2022

Borislav Ivkov, Amsterdam 1972; Photo is from Ivkov's personal archive

On 14th February of this year Borislav Ivkov – the former World Championship Candidate and a giant of Yugoslav and Serbian chess – passed away in his native city of Beograd at the age of 88. There follows a short tribute to the outstanding grandmaster.

Borislav Ivkov was born in Beograd on 12th November 1933. Before he was 12 years old, Ivkov gained an exceptional result for "Pancevo Dinamo" at the Team Championship of the Vojvodina, and it was clear that a very bright future lay ahead of him. By 1947 he was the youth champion of his native city, and then he won the first-ever junior championship of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. He gained the Master title at the age of sixteen by finishing in 4th-7th place in the Yugoslav Championship in Zagreb. On his international debut in the tournament at Bled the following year, he took 5th-6th place, with wins against the likes of Milan Vidmar, Vasja Pirc and Herman Pilnik. In 1951 he came to the attention of the chess world with his victory in the inaugural FIDE World Junior (Under-20) Championship, which was held in Birmingham in England.

Regarding this success, Ivkov later said: "I don't remember whether it was Botvinnik or Petrosian who once told me that the most important thing is to be a world champion, because later you remain a former world champion. The title is current, but the "former" remains forever. And as if they predicted that it would be my most significant personal success in my career."

Ivkov would go on to have many more successes in a career that lasted into the second decade of the 21st century. Among them one may mention his three Yugoslav championship titles (Sarajevo 1958; Zenica 1963 & 1972), his six silver and three bronze Olympiad medals as part of the Yugoslav national team, and his numerous victories in international tournaments such as Mar del Plata 1955, Buenos Aires 1955 (these victories gaining him the title of Grandmaster), Beverwijk 1961, Zagreb 1965, Sarajevo 1967, Malaga 1968 & 1969, Beograd 1969 and Stockholm 1971. Looking at his tournament record, one is struck by his remarkable consistency and the near absence of tournament "failures". He won individual tournament games against World Champions Smyslov, Tal, Petrosian, Fischer and Karpov, many of them in very fine style, and his status as a player of the highest class was confirmed by his inclusion in the "Rest of the World" team that faced the USSR. in the "Match of the Century" in Beograd in 1970.

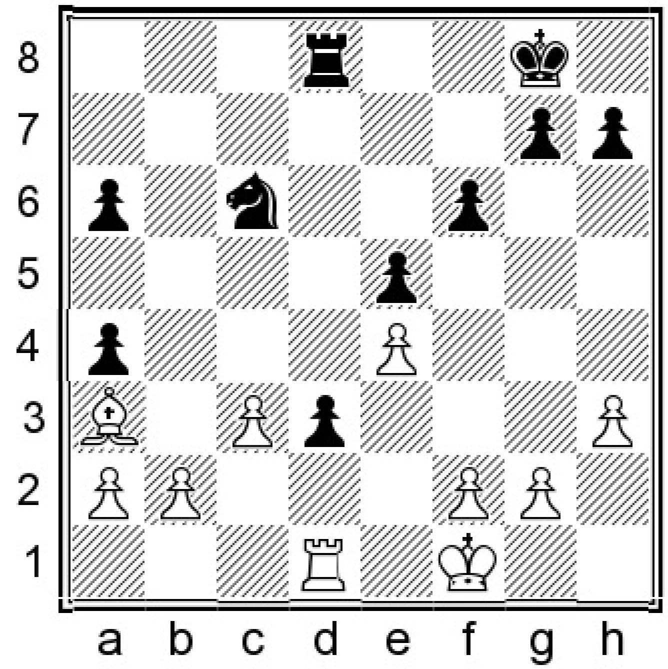
As late as 2006 Ivkov was part of the Serbian team that won the gold medal in the European Seniors team championship in Davos. He was a long-time member of the famous "Crvena Zvezda (Red Star) club", although he also represented the clubs "Partizan" and "Radnicki" for a time. His outgoing personality and elegant appearance made him a popular figure wherever he went in his long career, which lasted from the 1940s until the 2010s.

"Bora" Ivkov passed away on 14th February 2022 as a result of complications from COVID-19. Following his funeral, a commemorative ceremony was held in the ceremonial hall of the Assembly of the City of Beograd, in the presence of the family, the leadership of the Chess Federation of Serbia and numerous friends and admirers. Grandmaster Aleksandar Matanovic reminded the audience of the most important moments in the career of his long-term teammate, and then a letter from grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic was read out. Ivkov was buried in the Beograd's "Alley of

Deserving Citizens" – a location reserved for the country's most significant political, social, cultural and sporting figures.

A few extracts from Ivkov's games follow.

Fischer, Robert James - Ivkov, Borislav
La Habana, 1965



This position was reached after White's 33rd move, which was 33.Kf1. The chances are approximately level. However, Ivkov got the better of his famous opponent as follows: **33...g6 34.g4?!** This move would have been better avoided.

34...f5! 35.gxf5? The engines consider this capture to be a serious mistake.

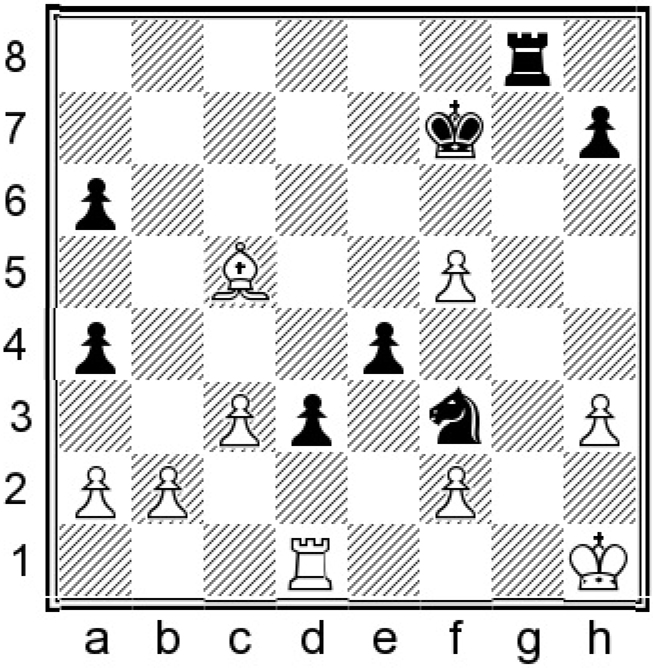
They indicate instead 35.exf5 gxf5 36.♔g2, though Black stands better.

35...gxf5 36.exf5?! While after this incautious capture Black is clearly winning.

A better defence is 36.f3!?

36...e4 37.♔e1 ♘e5 38.♗c5 ♘f3+ 39.♔f1 ♔f7 With the deadly threat of 40...Rg8. **40.♔g2** Avoiding mate, but there all the same follows...

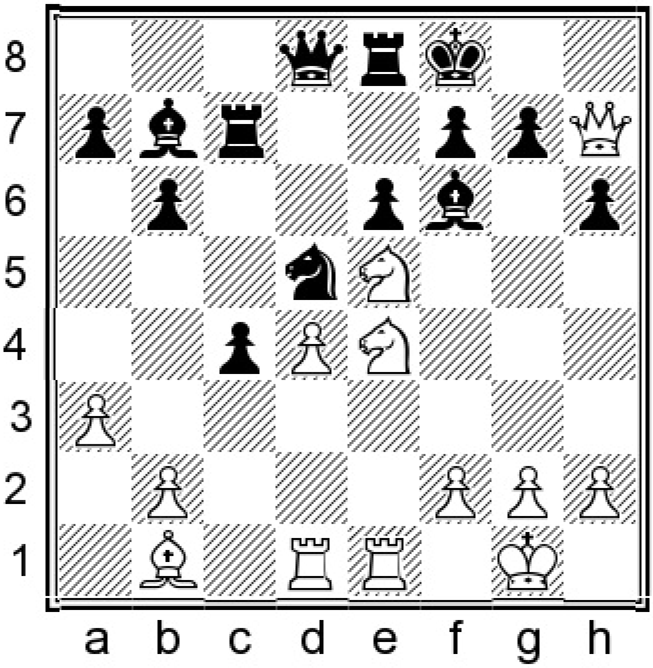
40...♖g8+ 41.♔h1



41...♖g1+! Liquidating to a technically-won endgame.

After **42.♖xg1 ♘xg1 43.♗e3 ♘f3 44.♔g2 d2 45.♗xd2 ♘xd2 46.♔g3 ♔f6 47.♔f4 h5 48.♔e3 ♘f3 49.♔xe4 ♘g5+ 50.♔f4 ♘xh3+ 51.♔g3 ♘g5 52.♔h4 ♔xf5 53.♔xh5 ♘e4** Fischer resigned. **0-1**

Ivkov, Borislav - Karpov, Anatoly
Santiago de Leon de Caracas 10/616, 1970



Black has allowed the white queen to get to h7. Objectively he stands well, but here he continued riskily with **20...c3?!** After **21.♘g3**

Correct is simply 21.bxc3 with the better game for White.

21...♘e7?

21...g6! Here 22.bxc3 was again strong.

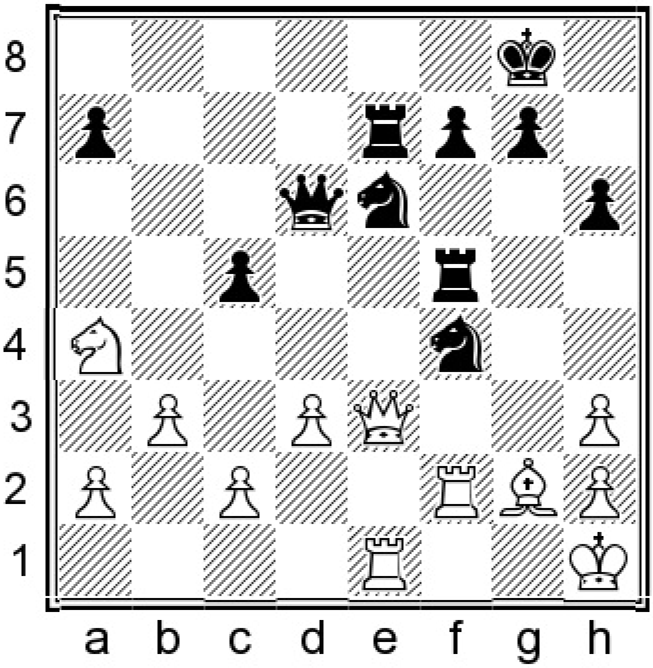
However, Ivkov was tempted by a cunning trap, into which his young opponent fell: **22.♕h8+ ♘g8 23.♗h7 ♗xe5?**

The only move was 23...♔e7!

24.♘f5! Immediately decisive.

24...exf5 25.♕xg8+ ♔e7 26.♖xe5+ ♔f6 27.♖xf5+ ♔e6 28.♖e1+ ♔d7 29.♖xe8 - and Karpov resigned. **1-0**

Dolmatov, Sergey (2540) - Ivkov, Borislav (2510)
Moscow, 1985



In this position Ivkov found a remarkable tactical possibility: **31...♘xg2! 32.♖xg2**

Of course, not 32.♔xg2? ♘f4+-+

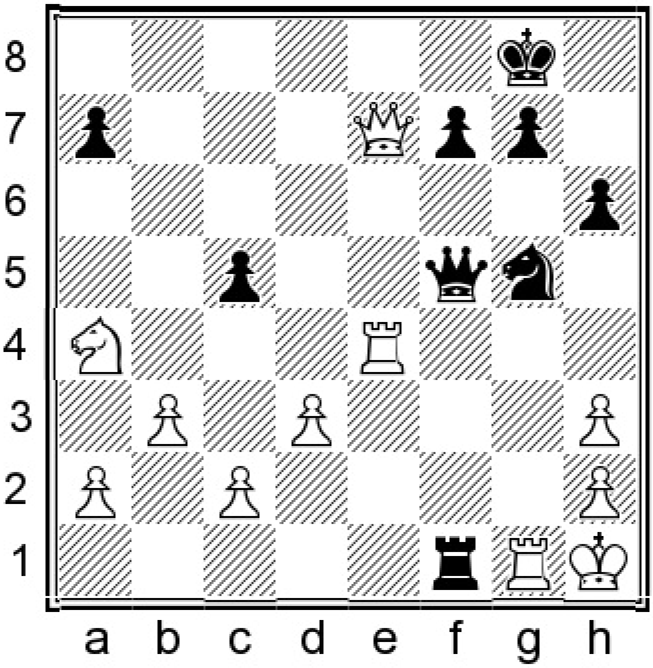
32...♘g5!! 33.♕xe7 Forced.

On 33.♕g1 Black wins simply with 33...♖xe1 34.♕xe1 ♕f6, etc.

33...♖f1+ A standard "deflecting" strategem; White should now have agreed to trade his queen for both black rooks. After 33...Rf1 34.Rf1 Qe7 Black stands better.

White was instead tempted by **34.♖g1**, perhaps thinking that Black had blundered. Instead, the full depth of Ivkov's idea was revealed.

There followed **34...♕d5+ 35.♖e4** - and now not 35...Ne4?, when there follows 36.Qe8 Kh7 37.Qe4, but the crushing **35...♕f5!!**



Suddenly it is clear that White is lost; there is no satisfactory defence against ...Qf3.

36.♖e3

36.♖g4 leads to mate after 36...♕f3+ 37.♖g2 ♖xg1+ 38.♔xg1 ♘xh3+ 39.♔h1 ♕f1+

36...♕f2! 37.♕xg5

Or 37.♖g3 ♖xg1+ 38.♖xg1 ♘f3! 39.♕e8+ ♔h7 40.♕e4+ g6, and White must surrender his queen to prevent mate.

37...hxg5 38.♖g3 ♖xg1+ 39.♖xg1 ♕f3+ 40.♖g2 ♕d1+ 41.♖g1 ♕xc2 42.♖xg5 ♕xd3 43.♖g3 - and White resigned. **0-1**

The following game was among those won by Ivkov on the way to his shared first place in the great international tournament held in Beograd at the end of 1969 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the liberation of the Yugoslav capital during WW2. It shows just what a strong player Borislav Ivkov was in his best years; the common-sense approach and solid positional play are highly characteristic of his style. It was annotated by Ivkov for volume 8 of *Chess Informant*.

B85
Geller, Efim - Ivkov, Borislav
Beograd 8/433, 1969

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6

Thus, we have the Scheveningen variation of the Sicilian Defence. This set-up was already quite popular in the 1960s and 1970s, and under the influence of Garry Kasparov it was to become extremely topical during the 1980s and 1990s. However, by then it was most often arrived at via different move-orders than the classical approach in the text, which permits White the possibility of the sharp Keres Attack (6.g4!).

6.♗e2 Geller, however, generally favoured this quiet approach, with which he won many fine games.

6...a6 Another key moment.

Black can also continue with 6...♗e7, in many lines dispensing altogether with the move ...a6.

7.O-O ♗e7 8.f4 ♕c7 9.♗e3 O-O 10.♕e1!?

Here there is a lot to be said for 10.a4, but Geller clearly considered - at least at the time of the present game - that the immediate advance ...b5 was not something that White should be afraid of.

After 10.a4 Black can continue 10... b6!? or 10...♘c6, which can lead after 11.♔h1 ♖e8 to very heavily-studied variations.

10...b5

The critical test of White's play. Interestingly, Ivkov himself had been on the white side of this position twice, in games v. Kortschnoj in the Yugoslavija v. USSR match at Rijeka, 1963 and v. Smejkal from the Zonal Tournament at Raach, shortly before the present game was played.

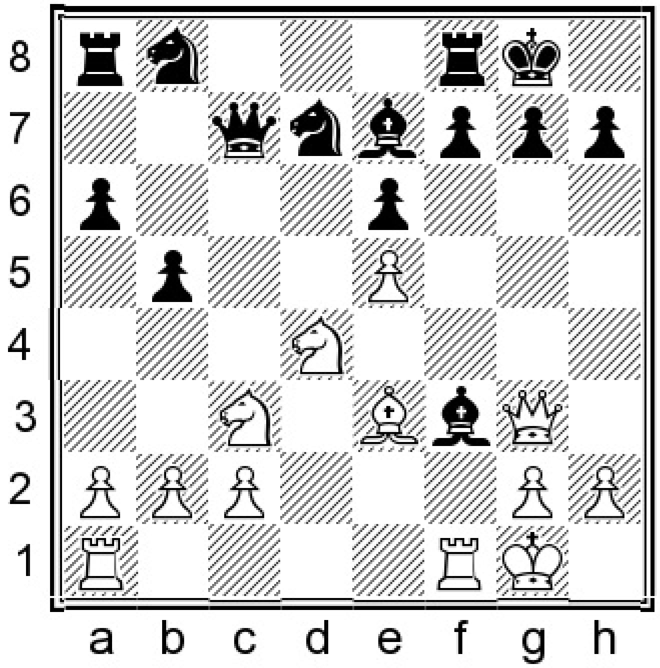
11.♗f3 ♗b7 12.e5 This double-edged push is by now the only way for White to play for an advantage.

After 12.a3 ♘bd7 Black has a comfortable development with good prospects in the coming middlegame.

12...dxe5 13.fxe5 ♘fd7 14.♕g3

Against Korchnoi in 1963, Ivkov had preferred the alternative 14.♗xb7 ♕xb7 15.♕g3

14...♗xf3



15.♕xf3?! This recapture must have come as a surprise to Ivkov.

The less ambitious 15.♘xf3 had been seen in many games, most noteably Stein,Leonid - Spassky,Boris from the 31st USSR Championship playoff match-tournament (Moscow, 1964) and indeed in Ivkov's game v. Smejkal referred to above. Geller had himself employed this continuation earlier in the year, v. Josef Pribyl in an Armed Forces team tournament in Warszawa; it may be that he had subsequently analysed the continuation in the text at home, but if so, there was clearly something that he had missed, as already at the following move he goes seriously wrong.

15...♘b6 Forced, but perfectly sufficient.

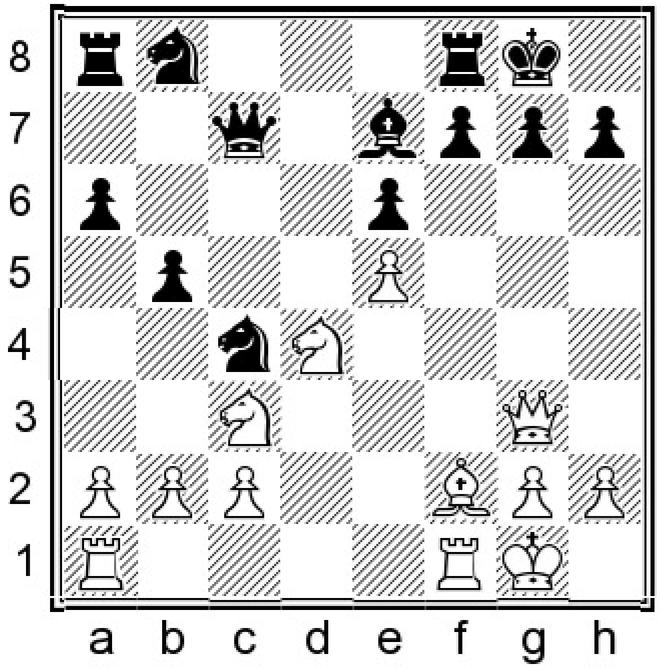
15...♖a7? runs into 16.♘dxb5!

A critical moment in the game has been reached. **16.♕g3?**

Here 16.♘dxb5? has a number of refutations, among them 16...axb5 17.♘xb5 ♕xe5 18.♗xb6 ♘d7 19.♘c7 ♗c5+, etc.

After the move in the text Ivkov already assesses the position as being won for Black! He indicates instead the alternative 16.♕g4, giving the line 16...♘c4 (16...♘8d7? 17.♘xe6!; Geller may have rejected 16.Qg4 on account of 16...♕xe5 After 17.♖ae1 ♗c5 (17...♘8d7? 18.♘c6 ♕d6 19.♗h6) 18.♔h1 White has strong piece pressure in compensation for the missing pawn; 18...♘8d7 19.♘c6 f5 20.♕h4 ♕f6 21.♗g5 ♕g6 22.b4, etc., but perhaps nothing more tangible.) 17.♗h6 ♕xe5 18.♖ae1 f5 19.♕xg7+, which leads to an approximately balanced endgame and a possible draw by repetition after (Or 19.♕d1 ♕c5, though after this White has the possibility 20.♗xg7!) 19...♕xg7 20.♗xg7 ♗c5 21.♗xf8 ♗xd4+ 22.♔h1 ♔xf8 23.♖xe6 ♔f7 24.♖h6 (24.♖e2 ♘e3) 24...♔g7 25.♖e6 ♔f7, etc.

16...♘c4 17.♗f2



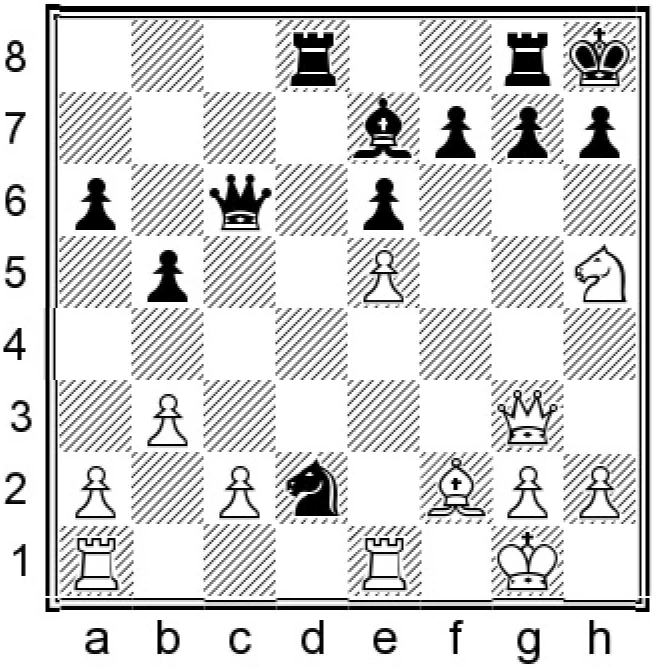
17...♘c6! Ivkov is not interested in the immediate acquisition of material; in the long term Black's strategic trumps should prevail, and so he concentrates on completing development.

17...♕xe5 would have allowed White to muddy the waters with 18.♕f3, although the engines suggest that here too Black retains an advantage in all variations: 18...♗d6 (Or 18...♘d7 19.♘c6 ♕d6 20.♖ad1 ♘de5!) 19.g3 ♘d7 20.♖ad1 ♗c5 21.♘e4 ♕c7! (21...♗xd4 22.♗xd4 ♕c7 23.♗xg7! ♔xg7 24.♖xd7 ♕xd7 25.♕f6+ leads to a draw.; While after 21...♗a7 the continuation 22.♘c6 ♗xf2+ 23.♖xf2 ♕c7 24.♘e7+ ♔h8 25.♘g5!? illustrates the dangers that may befall Black - 25...♘f6 26.♘xf7+! leads to mate; the last two variations were pointed out by Robert Byrne in his notes to the present game in the May, 1970 issue of *Chess Life & Review*. However, the text move is the sounder practical choice.)

18.♘e4 ♖ad8! A continuation of the same policy. It may be that Black could simply grab the pawn b2, but the composed move in the text retains full control of the situation.

19.♘xc6 ♕xc6 20.♘f6+ ♔h8 21.♘h5 ♖g8 White's attack has reached an impasse, and now Black begins to capitalise on his positional pluses.

22.b3 ♘d2 23.♖fe1



23...f5! "This move is positional murder, securing the e4-square for the knight. After the knight reaches that outpost, Black will operate by threats of ...Nf2 and ...Bc5 and getting a rook to the 7th rank. One can see now why Ivkov is so scornful of winning pawns!" (Byrne).

Of course, White cannot capture en passant as after 24.ef6 gf6 Black forces an immediate win of material.

24.♘f4 With the threat of 25.Ng6!, but Ivkov is having none of it.

24...g5! 25.♘h5 ♘e4 26.♖xe4 What else is there?!

26.♕e3 fails to 26...♗c5, while on 26.♕f3 there follows 26...g4 27.♕e2 (27.♕f4 ♗g5) 27...♖d2

26...♕xe4 27.♘f6 ♕xc2! Again the simplest practical choice. Black returns the exchange to force a clearly-won endgame.

28.♘xg8 ♖d1+ 29.♖xd1 ♕xd1+ 30.♗e1 ♔xg8 (!)

Ivkov rejected 30...♗b4 in view of the possibility 31.♘h6 ♗xe1 32.♘f7+ The engines confirm that here too Black wins eventually after 32...♔g7 33.♕xg5+ ♔xf7 34.♕f6+ ♔e8 35.♕xe6+ ♔d8 etc., but there is no need to calculate any of this.

31.♔f1 g4 32.♕c3 ♗h4! 33.g3 ♗e7 34.♕c8+ ♔f7 35.♕c7 ♕d3+ 36.♔f2 h5 - and here White bowed to the inevitable and resigned. It is rare to see a world-class grandmaster so comprehensively outplayed as Geller was in this game. **0-1**

E.GELLER
B.IVKOW

Efim Geller vs Borislav Ivkov, Amsterdam IBM 1974; Photo: R. Croes, ANEFO

Douglas Griffin (Aberdeenshire, Scotland)

Douglas Griffin in Central Chess Club, Moscow 2019

Competitive player since the age of 12, representing Scotland at all levels from Under-14 to senior international during 1980-1989. Inactive over-the-board since the mid-1990s, but remains a keen student of chess history, and diligent collector of classic chess literature in the English and Russian languages. Chess Informant associate.

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A — R ⌋ 1. d4, 1. e4
— 1. d4 R ⌋ 1... ♘f6, 1... d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 R ⌋ 2. c4
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 R ⌋ 2... e6, 2... g6

B — 1. e4 R ⌋ 1... c5, 1... e6, 1... e5
— 1. e4 c5

C — 1. e4 e6
— 1. e4 e5

D — 1. d4 d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ∟ 3... d5

E — 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ⌋ 3... d5

A00-A24

1. A05
Graf, Alexander (2562) - Fedorchuk, Sergey A (2612)
Deutschland 153/1, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 b5 3.♗g2 ♗b7 4.O-O e6 5.b3 c5 6.c4 a6 7.♘c3 ♕b6 8.e3 ♗e7 9.♕e2 ♘e4 10.♘xe4 ♗xe4 11.♗b2 O-O 12.♖ac1N

12.d3 - 72/(9), A13

12...d6 13.d3 ♗b7 14.♖fd1 ♘d7 15.d4 bxc4

15...♖fc8 16.h4!? ♗f6 17.dxc5 ♖xc5 18.♗d4 ♗xd4 19.exd4 ♖c7 20.d5 e5 21.♘d2 b4 22.♘e4 ♘c5 23.♕e3±

16.dxc5

16.♖xc4 a5 17.dxc5 ♘xc5 18.♘d2 ♗xg2 19.♔xg2 ♕b7+ 20.e4 d5!?⇄

16...♘xc5 17.♕xc4

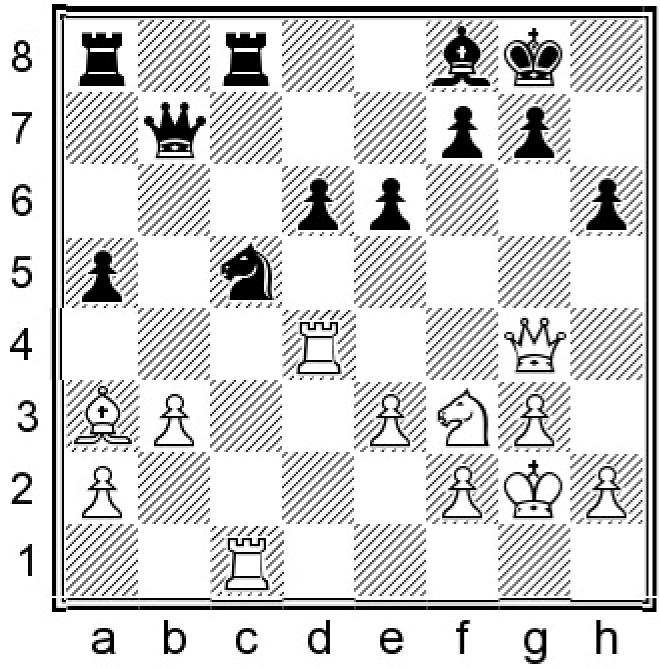
17.♖xc4 a5⇄

17...♖fc8!

17...a5?! 18.♕g4 g6 19.♕d4 f6 20.♗a3! ♖ac8 21.e4 e5 22.♕e3 ♘d7 23.♕e2 ♗a6 24.♕d2 ♖xc1 25.♖xc1 ♔g7 26.h4±

18.♕g4 ♗f8 19.♗d4

19.♘g5 ♗xg2 20.♔xg2 h6 21.♘f3 ♕b7 22.♖d4 a5 23.♗a3



23...g5! 24.♔g1 ♘d7 25.♖xc8 ♖xc8 26.♘d2 d5 27.♗xf8 ♔xf8∓

19...h6

19...♕a5 20.♘g5!? (20.♕h5!?) 20...♗xg2 (20...h6? 21.♗xb7 ♘xb7 22.♘xe6 ♖xc1 23.♖xc1 fxe6 24.♕xe6+ ♔h7 25.♕e4++-) 21.♗xc5 ♖xc5 22.♖xc5 ♕xc5 23.♔xg2 ♕c6+ 24.♕f3 ♖c8=

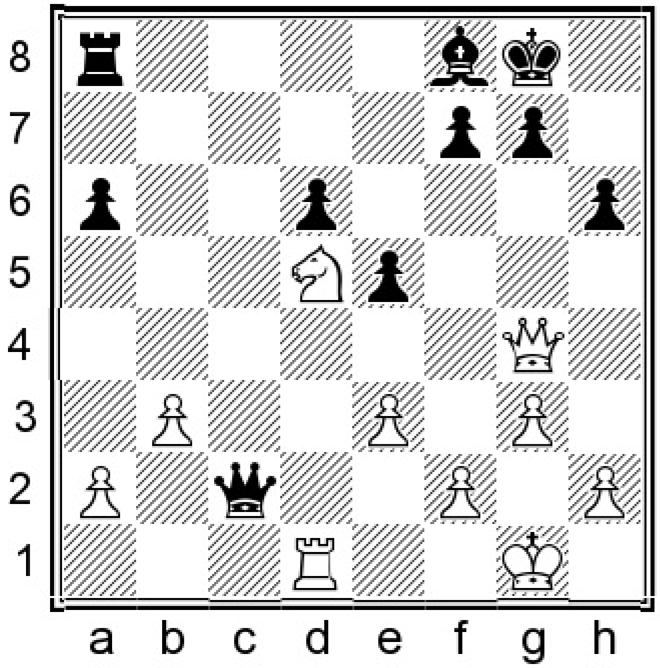
20.♘e1 ♗xg2 21.♘xg2 ♕a5

21...♕b5!? 22.♘f4 ♘d7! 23.♗b2 ♘e5 24.♕e2 ♖xc1 25.♖xc1 ♕xe2 26.♘xe2 ♘d3 27.♖c2 d5⇄

22.♘f4 e5?!

22...♘d7? 23.♘xe6+-; 22...♕xa2! 23.♘h5 (23.♗xg7 ♗xg7 24.♘h5 ♕b2 25.♖c2 ♕e5 26.f4 f5 27.♕g6 ♕xe3+ 28.♔g2 ♖a7 29.♘f6+ ♔f8 30.♘h7+ ♔g8 31.♘f6+=) 23...♘d3 24.♗xg7 ♕xf2+ 25.♔h1 f5 26.♕g6 ♕f3+ 27.♔g1 ♕f2+=

23.♗xc5 ♖xc5 24.♖xc5 ♕xc5 25.♘d5 ♕c2



26.♔f1

26.e4! a5 (26...♕xa2 27.♖c1 ♕xb3 28.♖c7 ♕b1+ 29.♔g2 ♕b8 30.♘f6+ ♔h8 31.♖xf7+-) 27.♔g2 a4 28.b4 a3 29.♕f3 ♕xa2 30.♖c1 ♕d2 31.♖c7+-

26...a5 27.♕e2 ♖c8 28.e4 f5 29.exf5 ♕xf5 30.♘e3

30.♔g2 ♖c5 31.h4 h5 32.♖d3→ Δe4?! 33.♖d4 ♕e5 (33...♖xd5? 34.♕c4+-) 34.♕d2±

30...♕e4 31.♔g1

31.f3 ♕g6 32.♔g2±

31...♖c5 32.♕d3 ♕xd3 33.♖xd3 ♔f7= 34.f4 exf4 35.gxf4 ♔e6 36.♔g2 d5 37.a3 ♗e7 38.b4 axb4 39.axb4 ♖b5 40.♘c2 ♗f6 41.♘d4+ ♗xd4 1/2-1/2

2. A07
Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2661) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2740)
Miami (m/3-rapid) 153/2, 2022

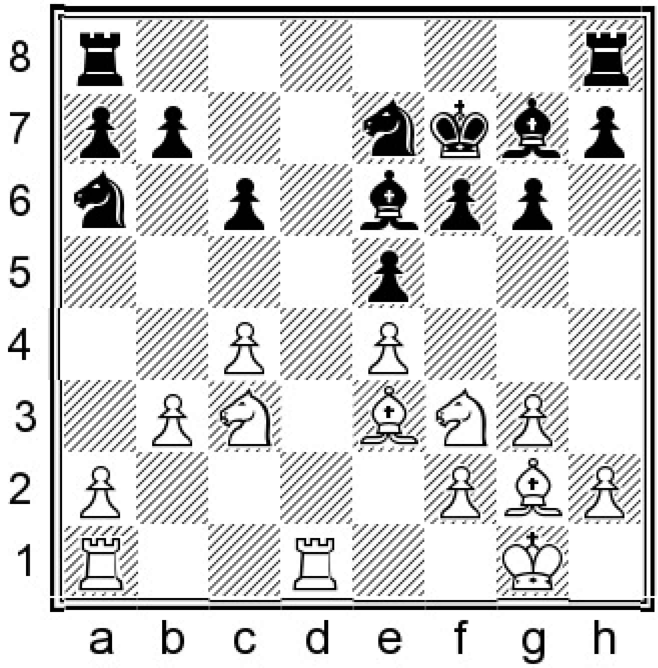
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.O-O e5 5.d3 ♘e7 6.c4 c6

6...dxc4 - 152/1

7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 ♕xd1 9.♖xd1 ♗e6

9...c5 10.♗e3 b6 11.♘c3 ♘bc6 12.♘d5±

10.b3 f6 11.♘c3 ♘a6 12.♗e3 ♔f7N



12...h5

13.♘e1! g5 14.a4 ♘g6 15.a5 ♗f8 16.♘d3 ♗e7 17.♘a4 ♘c7 18.♖d2

18.♘dc5 ♗c8 19.b4 ♘f8 (19...♖d8 20.♖xd8 ♗xd8 21.♗f1 ♘f8 22.♖d1 ♘ce6 23.♘b3! ♗d7 24.b5 ♗e8 25.♗e2±) 20.♖ab1 ♘ce6 21.b5±; 18.♗f3 h5 19.♘dc5 ♗c8 20.♗e2 ♘f8 21.b4→

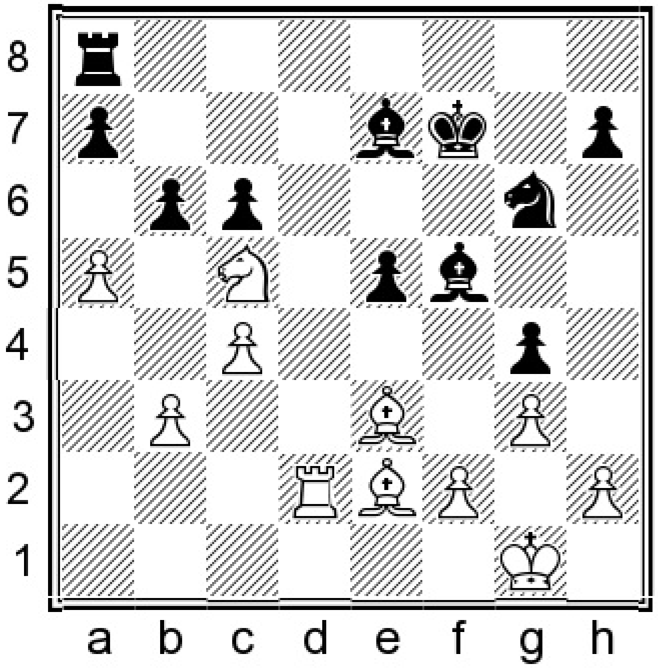
18...♖hd8 19.♖ad1 ♘a6 20.♗f3

20.h3 h5 21.♗f3 h4 22.♔g2 ♖h8 23.♖h1 ♖ad8 24.♗xa7 ♗b4⇄ (24...♘b4 25.♗e2 hxg3 26.fxg3 ♘xd3 27.♖xd3 ♖a8 28.♗b6 ♗b4⇄)

20...g4 21.♗e2 f5

21...h5 22.f3! gxf3 23.♗xf3 h4 24.♗h5 hxg3 25.hxg3 ♖h8 26.g4 ♔g7 27.♔f2 ♖h7 28.♘c3 ♖hh8 29.♘e2 b6 30.♘g3±

22.exf5 ♗xf5 23.♘dc5 ♖xd2 24.♖xd2 ♘xc5 25.♘xc5 b6



25...♗xc5 26.♗xc5 b6 27.axb6 (27.♗b4 c5 28.♗c3±; 27.♗e3!? bxa5 28.♗d1 a4 29.bxa4 ♖b8 30.f3±) 27...axb6 28.♗xb6 ♖a1+ 29.♖d1 ♖a2 30.♖e1 ♖b2 31.♗d1 ♖b1 32.♗a5!±

26.axb6?!

26.♘b7! bxa5 27.c5 e4 28.♗d4 a4 29.bxa4 ♖b8 30.♘d6+ ♗xd6 31.cxd6 a5 32.♔f1 ♖b4 33.♗c3±

26...axb6 27.♘a4 b5

27...e4! 28.♘xb6 ♖a1+ (28...♖a3!?=∞) 29.♖d1 ♖a2 30.♖d2 (30.♔f1 ♘e5 31.c5 ♘f3=∞) 30...♖a1+=

28.cxb5 cxb5 29.♗xb5 ♗e6 30.♖b2

30.♗c6 ♖c8 31.♗d5 ♗b4 32.♗xe6+ ♔xe6 33.♖d3 ♘e7 34.♘b6 ♖b8 35.♘d7 ♖c8=

30...e4 31.♗c6 ♖b8 32.♘b6 ♗d8 33.♘d7 ♖xb3 34.♖xb3 ♗xb3 35.♗xe4 ♗e6

⌓35...h5 36.♗b6 ♗e7 37.♗d4 h4 38.♗f5 ♗e6=

36.♘c5 ♗c4 37.♗f5 h5 38.♘e4 ♘e5 39.♘d6+ ♔f6 40.♗e4

40.♘xc4 ♘xc4 41.♗c8 ♘xe3 42.fxe3 ♗b6=

40...♗e2 41.♗d4 ♔e6 42.♘f5 ♘f3+ 43.♗xf3 ♗xf3 44.♘g7+ ♔d5 45.♗e3 h4 46.♘h5 h3

46...♔e5 47.gxh4 ♗xh4 48.♗b6 ♔f5=

47.♘f4+ ♔e4 48.♘e6 ♗a5 49.♘g5+ ♔f5 50.♘xf3 gxf3 51.♔f1 ♔g4 52.♗c5 ♗c3 1/2-1/2

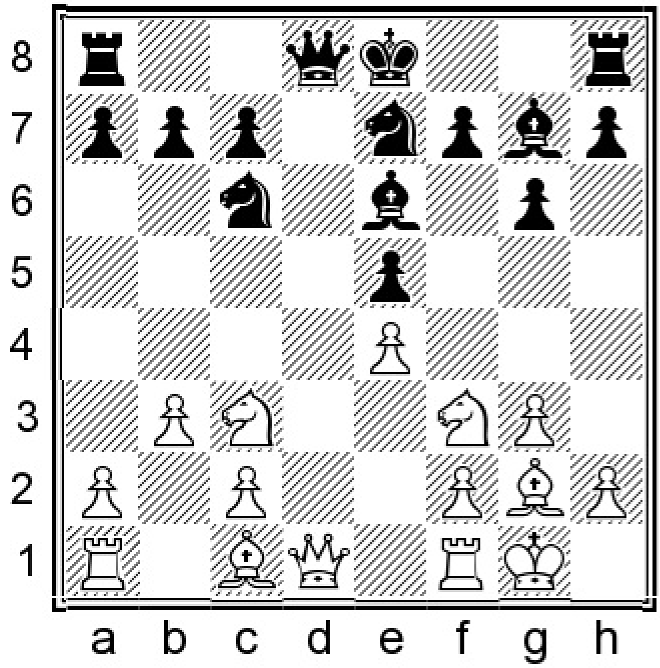
3. * !N A07
Jones, Gawain C B (2672) - Navara, David (2700)
Deutschland 153/3, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.O-O e5 5.d3 ♘c6 6.♘c3 ♘ge7 7.e4 dxe4

7...d4 - 28/(8)

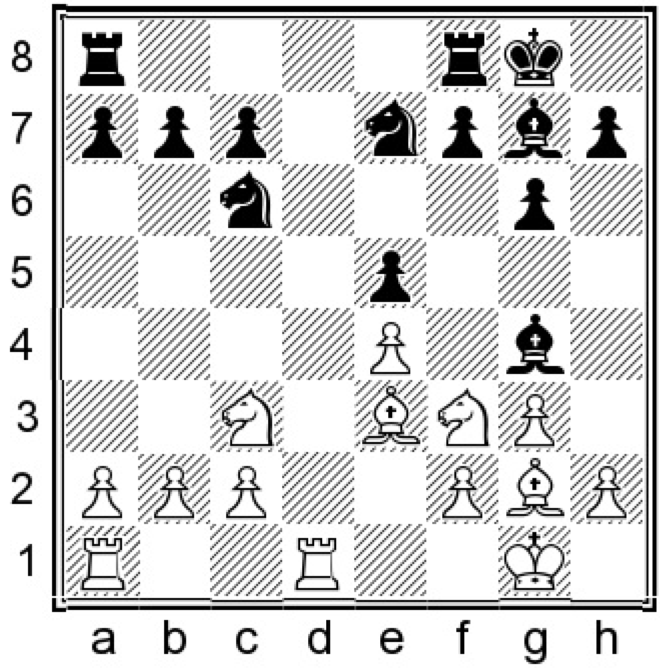
8.dxe4 ♕xd1

8...♗e6 9.b3



9...♘d4N (9...h6) 10.♘g5 ♗d7 11.♘d5 h6 12.c3 ♘xd5 13.exd5 hxg5 14.cxd4 O-O 15.♗b2 e4 16.♗xe4 ♖e8 17.♖e1 a5 18.♕c2 a4 19.a3 axb3 20.♕xb3 ♗a4 21.♕c4± Amin,B (2680)-Jobava,B (2585) Chennai (ol) 153/(3) 2022

9.♖xd1 ♗g4 10.♗e3 O-O



11.♘b5!N

11.♖d2

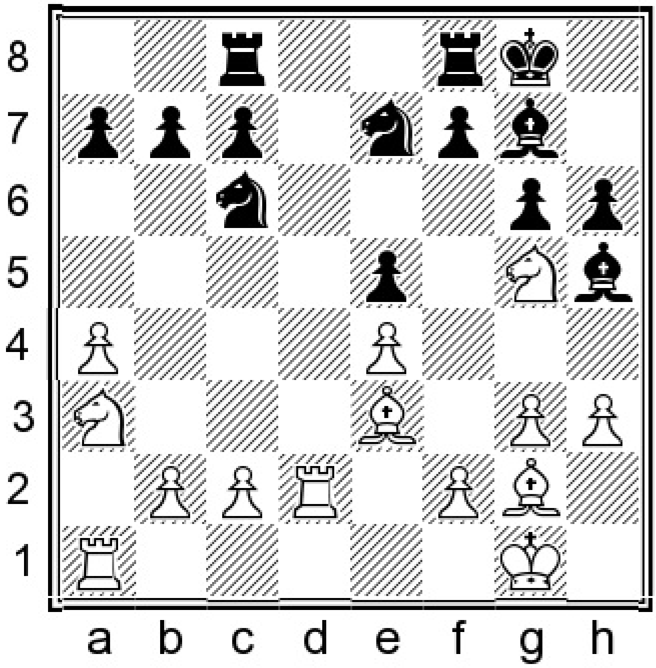
11...♖ac8

11...a6 12.♘xc7 ♖ac8 13.♗b6 ♘d4 14.♘xd4! ♗xd1 15.♘f5 gxf5 (15...♘xf5 16.♖xd1 ♘d4 17.c3 ♘e6 18.♘d5!± (18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.♖d7 ♗h6 20.♗h3 ♖c6 21.♖xb7 ♖f7 22.♖b8+ ♖f8 23.♖b7=)) 16.♖xd1 fxe4 17.♗xe4 f5 18.♗xb7 ♖b8 19.♗d5+ ♘xd5 20.♘xd5 ♔f7 21.c4 ♖fc8 22.b3±

12.h3 ♗e6

12...♗xf3 13.♗xf3 a6 14.♘a3 ♘d4 15.♗g2 ♖cd8 16.c3 ♘e6 17.♘c4 ♖xd1+ 18.♖xd1 ♖d8 19.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 20.a4±

13.♘g5 ♗c4 14.a4⩲ h6 15.♘a3 ♗e2 16.♖d2 ♗h5



17.g4! hxg5 18.♗xg5 ♗xg4

18...♔h7 19.♗xe7 ♘xe7 20.gxh5 gxh5 21.♖d7 ♘g6±

19.hxg4 ♖fd8 20.♖ad1

20.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 21.c3 ♖d7 22.♘c4 ♘c8 23.♗e3 ♘d6 24.♘xd6 ♖xd6 25.♗f1±

20...♔f8 21.♘b5

21.c3 f6 22.♗e3 ♖xd2 23.♖xd2 ♔e8 24.b4±

21...♖xd2 22.♖xd2 a6 23.♘c3 ♘d4

23...♘d8 24.♗e3 ♘e6 25.g5 ♘f4±

24.♘d5 ♘g8 25.♗e3 ♘f6 26.c3

26.♘xf6! ♗xf6 27.g5 ♗e7 28.♗xd4 (28.f4?! ♘e6!⇄) 28...exd4 29.f4 ♖d8 30.e5±

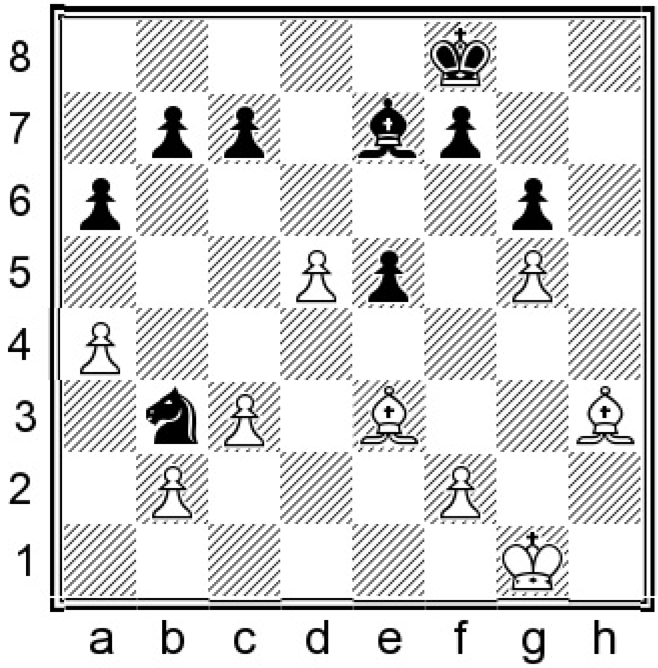
26...♘b3 27.♘xf6?!

27.♖d1 ♖d8 28.♗f3 ♘xd5 29.exd5 ♔e7 30.d6+ ♖xd6 31.♖xd6 ♔xd6 32.♗xb7 a5 33.♗e4±

27...♗xf6 28.♖d5 ♖d8= 29.g5 ♗e7 30.♗h3?

30.♔f1 ♖xd5 31.exd5 a5?! 32.d6! ♗xd6 33.♗xb7 ♗c5 34.♗d5 ♗xe3 35.fxe3 ♘c5 36.♗c6 ♔e7 37.b4 ♔d6 38.♗e8 ♔e7 39.♗b5+-

30...♖xd5 31.exd5



31...a5! 32.♗g2?!

32.♗f1 ♗c5 33.♗d3 ♗xe3 34.fxe3 ♘c5 35.♗c2 b6 36.b4 ♘d7 37.♔g2 ♔e7∓

32...♗c5∓ 33.d6

33.♗e4 ♗xe3 34.fxe3 ♘d2 35.♗g2 ♔e7 36.d6+ ♔xd6 37.♗xb7 c6 38.b4 ♔c7 39.♗a6 ♘f3+ 40.♔g2 ♘xg5-+

33...c6-+

33...cxd6? 34.♗xb7 ♔e7 35.♗d5 ♗xe3 36.fxe3 ♘c5 37.b3=

34.♗xc5 ♘xc5 35.b4 axb4 36.cxb4 ♘xa4 37.f4 exf4 38.♔f2

38.♗f1 ♔e8 39.♔f2 b5 40.♗h3 ♘c3 41.♗g4 ♘d5

38...♘b6 39.b5 cxb5 40.♗xb7 b4 41.♔e2 b3

41...b3 42.♔d3 ♘c4 43.♔c3 ♘xd6 44.♗d5 ♘f5 45.♗xb3 f3 46.♔d2 f2 47.♗c4 ♘g3

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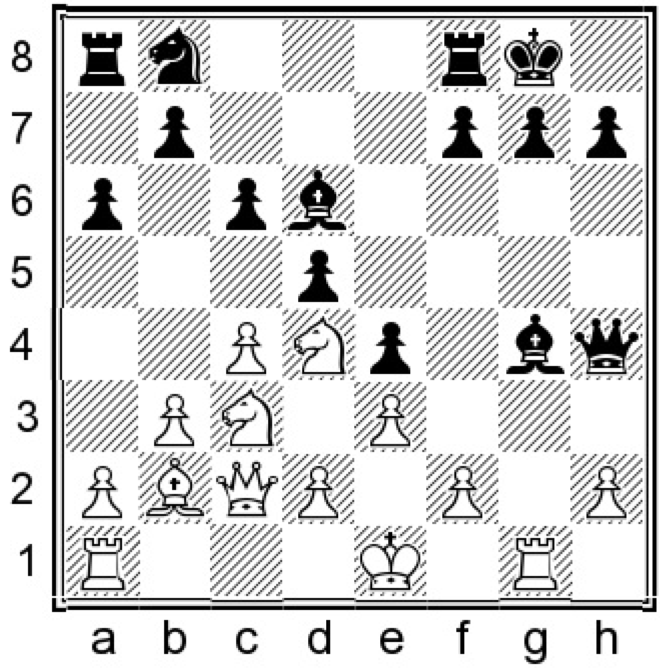
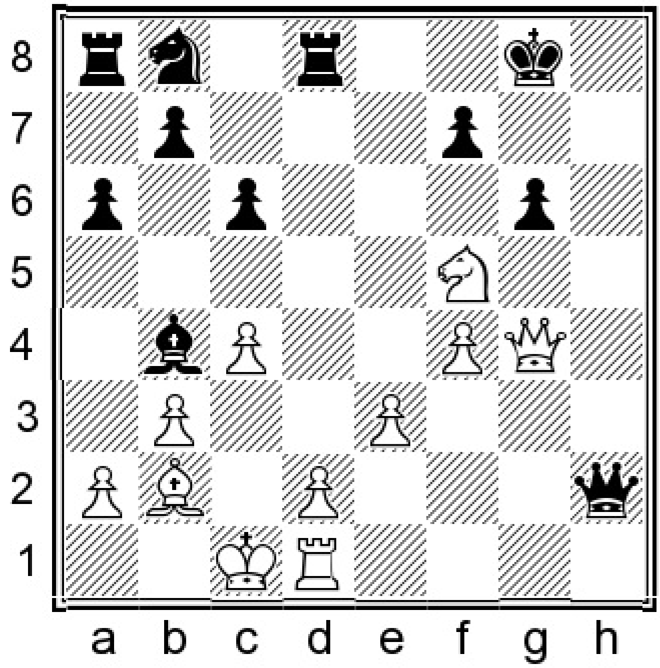
4. ** A11
Martin Carmona, Gaston Manuel (2329) - Korchmar, Vasiliy (2450)
chess.com (Int.-blitz) 153/4, 2022

1.c4 c6 2.♘f3 d5 3.e3 ♘f6 4.b3 e6 5.♗b2 ♗d6 6.♕c2 O-O 7.♘c3 e5 8.cxd5

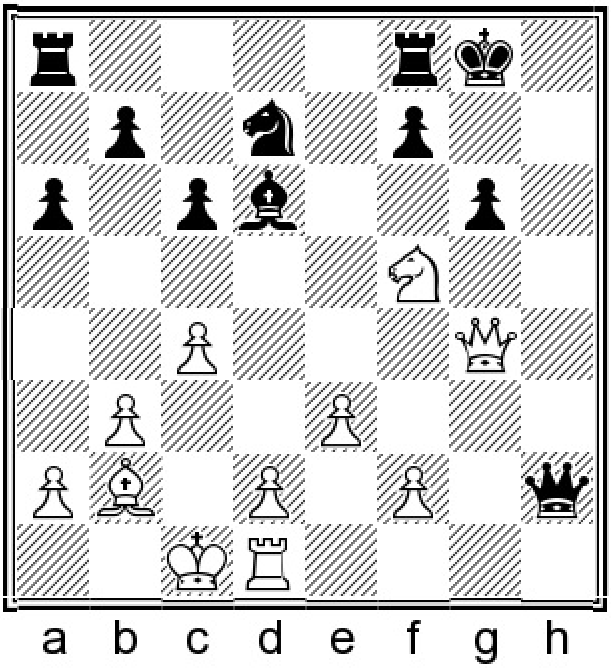
8.♗e2 e4 9.♘d4 (9.♘g5?! - 143/3) 9...a6N (9...♗e5) 10.g4! ♘xg4 11.♗xg4 ♗xg4 12.♖g1 ♕h4



13.♘xe4! dxe4 14.♕xe4 h5 15.♘f5 ♕xh2 16.♖xg4 hxg4 17.O-O-O (17.♕xg4!? g6 (17...♗e5?? 18.♘e7+! ♔h7 19.♗xe5 ♕h6 20.♘f5 ♕g6 21.♕h4+ ♔g8 22.♘e7#) 18.f4!? (18.O-O-O ♗e5 (18...♘d7 - 17. 0-0-0) 19.♗a3!? ♖e8 20.f4=∞) 18...♗b4 (18...♕h1+ 19.♔e2 ♕h2+ 20.♔f3=∞) 19.O-O-O ♖d8



20.♘h4!! ♘d7!! (20...♔h7 21.f5 ♖g8 22.fxg6+ fxg6 23.♘f3 ♕h5 24.♘g5+ ♔h6 25.♘f7+ ♔h7 26.♕e4+-; 20...♖xd2 21.♕c8+ ♗f8 22.♖xd2 ♕xh4 23.♗a3 ♕h6 24.♖d8+-) 21.♘xg6 fxg6 (21...♗xd2+ 22.♔b1 ♕h7 23.f5 fxg6 24.fxg6 ♕e7 25.♖h1!! ♘f6 (25...♘e5 26.♕h5+-) 26.♕h4 ♕g7 27.♕xf6! ♖d7 28.♕e6++-) 22.♕xg6+ ♔f8 23.a3 ♗xd2+ 24.♔b1 ♘c5 25.♗g7+ ♔e7 26.♗e5=∞) 17...♘d7 18.♕xg4 (18.♖h1?? ♘c5-+) 18...g6

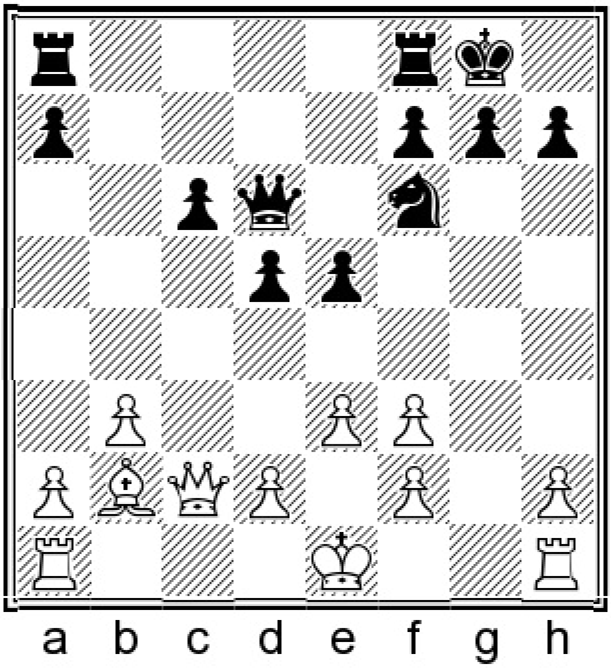


- 17.0-0-0 19.♘xd6?? (19.f4! ♘e5!! (19...♗b4 20.a3; 19...♗c5 20.♘g3; 19...♕h5 20.♕xh5 gxh5 21.♖g1+ ♔h7 22.♖g7+ ♔h8 23.♘xd6) 20.fxe5 ♗xe5 21.d4!? ♗f6 22.e4=∞) 19...♕xd6 20.♖h1 f5 21.♕g5 ♖f6 22.♖h6 ♖af8 23.♕h4 ♔f7 24.♖h7+ ♔e8 25.♗xf6 ♕xf6-+ Dgebuadze,A (2490) - Loiseau,Q (2455) Chartres 153/(4) 2021

8...cxd5 9.♘b5 ♘c6 10.♘xd6 ♕xd6 11.♗b5 ♗g4

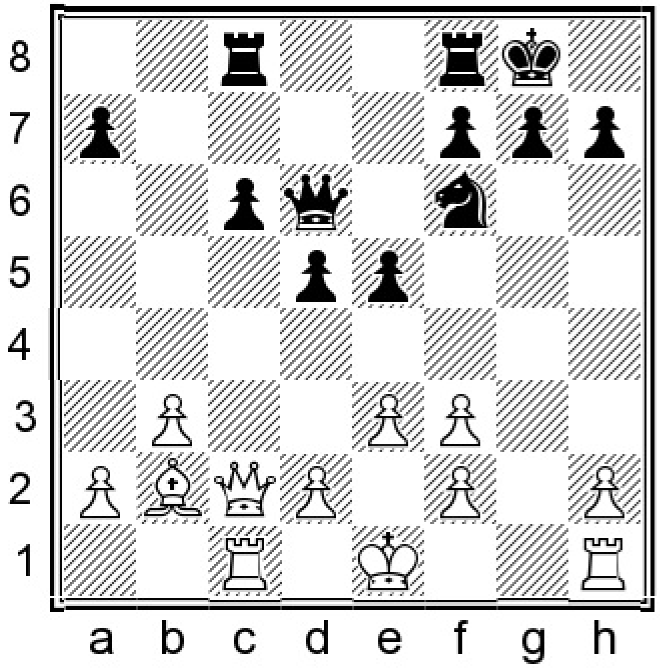
11...♘b4 - 120/6

12.♗xc6 ♗xf3 13.gxf3 bxc6

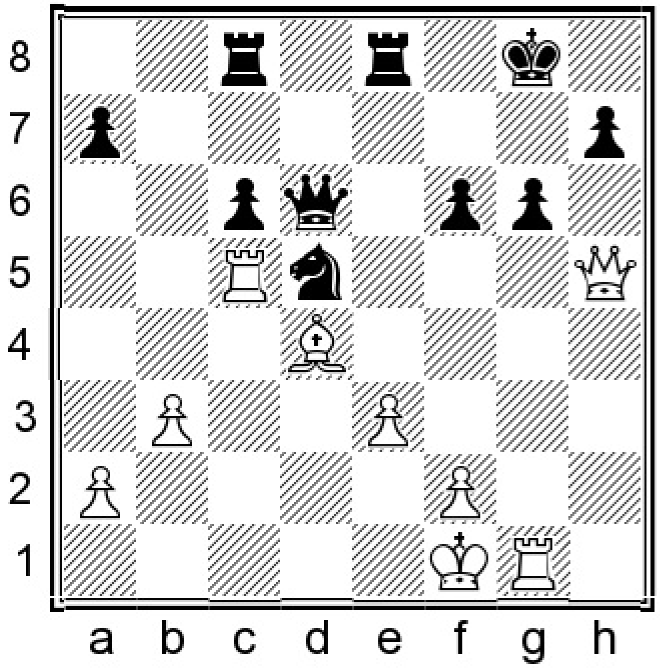


14.O-O-O!?N

14.♖c1 - 153/(4) 14...♖ac8



15.♖g1!?N (15.♕f5) 15...♖fe8 16.♕f5 d4 17.♔f1 g6 18.f4 exf4 19.♗xd4 ♘d5 20.♖c5 fxe3 21.dxe3 ♕xh2 22.♕f3 ♕d6 23.♕h5 ♕e6?? (23...♘f6? 24.♕h4 ♖e6 25.♖f5 ♔g7 26.♖h1 h5 (26...gxf5 27.♕h6+ ♔g8 28.♖g1++-) 27.♕g5 ♖h8 (27...c5 28.♖xh5+-) 28.♖h4 c5 29.♖xc5 ♔h7 30.♖f5 gxf5 31.♖xh5+ ♘xh5 32.♕xh5+ ♖h6 33.♕xf7#; 23...f6



24.b4! (24.♖a5 c5!) 24...a6 (24...♘xb4? 25.♖xg6+ hxg6 26.♕xg6+ ♔f8 27.♗xf6 ♖e6 28.♖f5! ♕d1+ 29.♔g2 ♕d5+ 30.f3+-) 25.a3≅) 24.♕xh7+! ♔f8 25.♖a5 ♔e7 26.♖g5 ♔d8 27.♖xa7+- Ganguly,S (2609)-Mendonca,L (2536) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(4) 2022; 14.♔e2; 14.♖g1

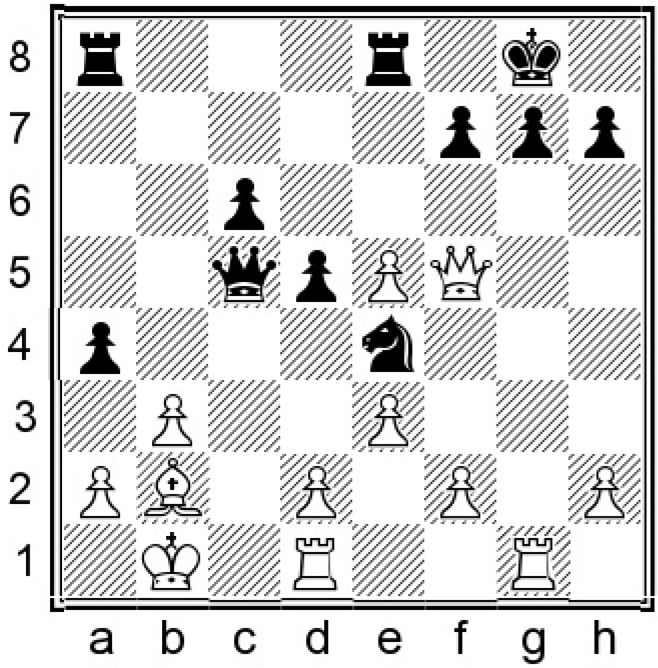
14...a5

14...c5! 15.♕f5 d4 16.f4 ♖fe8 17.♔b1 (17.♖hg1 g6 18.fxe5 ♖xe5 19.♕f3 (19.♕f4 ♘d5 20.♕g3 ♘b4 21.♔b1 ♕a6 22.♕xe5 ♕d3+ 23.♔a1 ♘c2+ 24.♔b1 ♘a3+ 25.♔a1 ♕b1+ 26.♖xb1 ♘c2#) 19...♖c8∞) 17...a5 18.fxe5 (18.♖hg1 a4 19.fxe5 ♖xe5 20.♕f4 (20.♕f3 ♖a7) 20...axb3 21.axb3 ♘d5 22.♕g3 g6 23.exd4 cxd4 24.♗xd4 ♕a6 25.♕xe5 (25.♗xe5 ♕a2+ 26.♔c1 ♖c8+ 27.♗c3 ♘b4-+) 25...♕a2+ 26.♔c1 ♖c8+ 27.♗c3 ♕a1+ 28.♔c2 ♘b4#) 18...♖xe5 19.♕f3 ♖d8!∞

15.♕f5 ♖fe8 16.f4 ♘e4

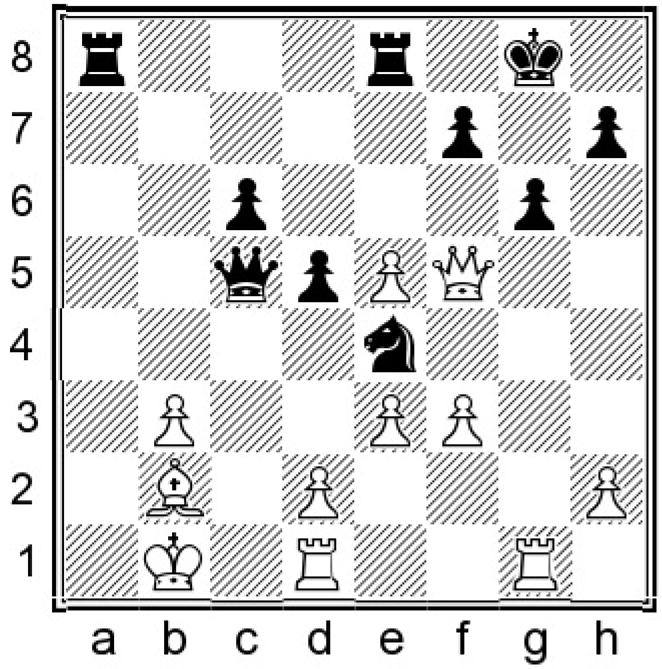
16...exf4!? 17.♖hg1 (17.♗xf6 ♕xf6 18.♕xf6 gxf6 19.♖hg1+ ♔f8 20.♖g4 fxe3 21.fxe3 ♖e4!∓) 17...♖e6∞

17.fxe5 ♕c5+ 18.♔b1 a4 19.♖hg1



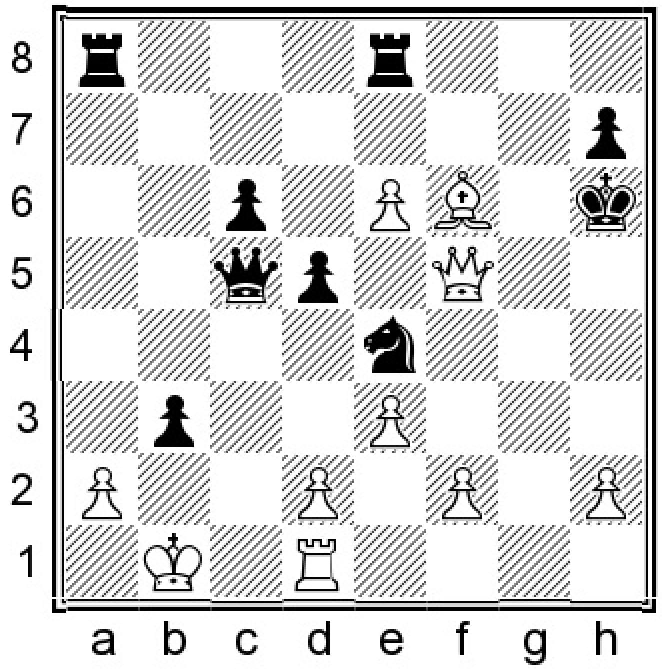
19...axb3??

19...g6 20.f3 axb3 21.axb3



21...♖a3!! (21...♖a2!? 22.e6!! (22.♔xa2?? ♕c2-+; 22.fxe4 ♖ea8 23.e6 ♖xb2+ 24.♔xb2 ♕a3+ 25.♔c3 ♕a5+ 26.♔d3 ♕a6+ 27.♔d4 ♕b6+ 28.♔e5 ♕b8+ 29.♔f6 ♕d8+ 30.♔e5 (30.e7?? ♕d6+ 31.♔g5 gxf5-+) 30...♕b8+=) 22...♖xb2+ 23.♔xb2 ♖a8 24.♕xf7+ ♔h8 25.♖a1+-; 21...♘f2 22.♖df1 ♕b5 23.♖xf2 ♕xb3 24.♕c2 ♕a2+ 25.♔c1 ♖eb8 26.e6! (26.d3+-) 26...♕a1+ (26...f5 27.d3) 27.♕b1 ♖xb2 28.♕xa1 ♖xa1+ 29.♔xb2 ♖xg1 30.e7!+-) 22.♕d7! (22.♗xa3 ♕xa3 23.♔c2 ♕a2+ 24.♔d3 ♘f2+ (24...♕a6+=) 25.♔e2 ♘xd1 26.♕d7 ♕a6+ 27.♔xd1 ♖xe5 28.♔c2 c5∓; 22.e6 ♖xe6 23.fxe4 ♖xb3 24.exd5 (24.d3? ♕xe3 25.♕f1 dxe4 26.♖g3 ♕d4 27.♕e2 exd3-+; 24.d4? ♕b4! 25.♕f2 ♖xe4 26.♖ge1 ♖e8!→) 24...♖xb2+!! 25.♔xb2 ♕b4+=) 22...♖ea8! 23.e6 ♖a1+ 24.♗xa1 ♖xa1+ 25.♔xa1 ♕a3+=

20.♖xg7+!! ♔xg7 21.e6+ f6 22.♗xf6+!! ♔h6

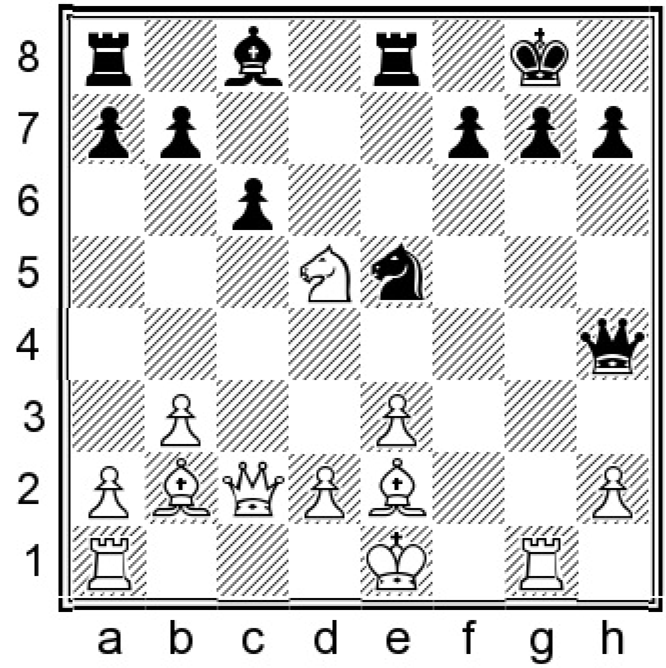


23.♗g7+!! ♔xg7 24.♖g1+ ♔h6 25.♕h3# 1-0

5. * A11
Afanasiev, Nikita (2569) - Ivanov, Oleg V (2444)
Moscow 153/5, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.e3 ♘f6 3.c4 c6 4.♕c2 e6 5.b3 ♗d6 6.♗b2 O-O 7.♘c3 ♘bd7 8.h3

8.♗e2 ♖e8 9.g4 (9.d4 - D) 9...♘xg4 (9...♘e5 - 76/6) 10.♖g1 ♘gf6 11.♘g5 ♘f8 12.f4 e5 13.fxe5 ♗xe5 14.♘f3 ♘g6 15.♘xe5 ♘xe5 16.cxd5! ♘xd5 (16...cxd5 17.♘b5!⯹) 17.♘xd5! ♕h4+

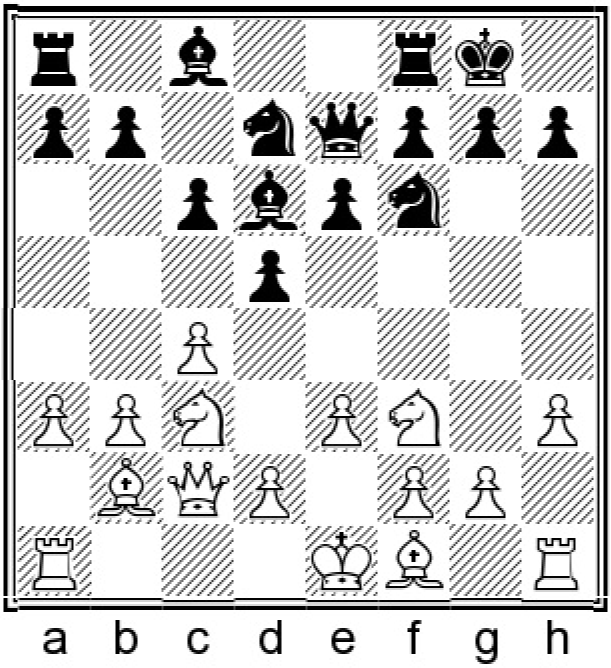


(17...cxd5 18.O-O-O⯹; 17...♕xd5 18.O-O-O⯹) 18.♖g3!! cxd5!? (18...♕xh2 19.♘f6+! ♔h8 (19...♔f8 20.♕c5+ ♖e7 21.♗xe5+-) 20.O-O-O gxf6 21.♖dg1+- ♗e6 (21...♕xe2 22.♕xh7+!!; 21...♗d7 22.♕e4) 22.♕e4 ♗d5 23.♕f4 ♖e6 24.♕xf6+!! ♖xf6 25.♗xe5 ♕h6 26.♖f1) 19.O-O-O⯹ Δ♕xh2 20.♖dg1 ♘g6 (20...g6 21.♗b5 ♗d7 22.♗xe5 ♗xb5 23.♖xg6+ hxg6 24.♗xh2 ♖ac8 25.♗c7 ♖e7 26.♔b2 ♖exc7 27.♕b1) 21.♕c3 ♕h6 22.♗f3! ♗e6 23.♔d1 ♖ac8 24.♕d4

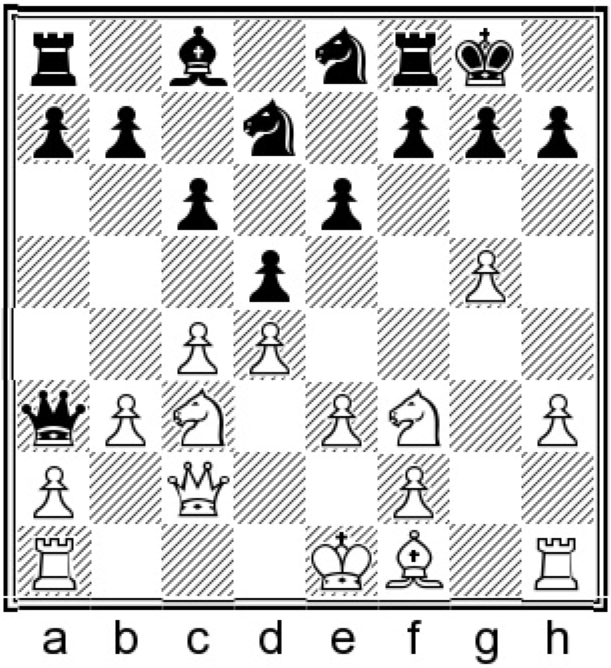
8...♕e7

8...e5 - 107/181

9.a3



9.g4 ♗a3 10.♗xa3 ♕xa3 11.g5 ♘e8 12.d4



12...♕d6N (12...♕e7) 13.O-O-O f5 14.h4 ♕a3+ 15.♕b2 ♕xb2+ 16.♔xb2 ♘d6 17.♗d3 ♔f7 18.♘e2 ♔e7 19.♖c1 dxc4 20.bxc4 c5 21.♘f4 b6∞ Martinovic,S (2542)-Baenziger,F (2403) Oesterreich 153/(5) 2022

9...♖d8N

9...a5

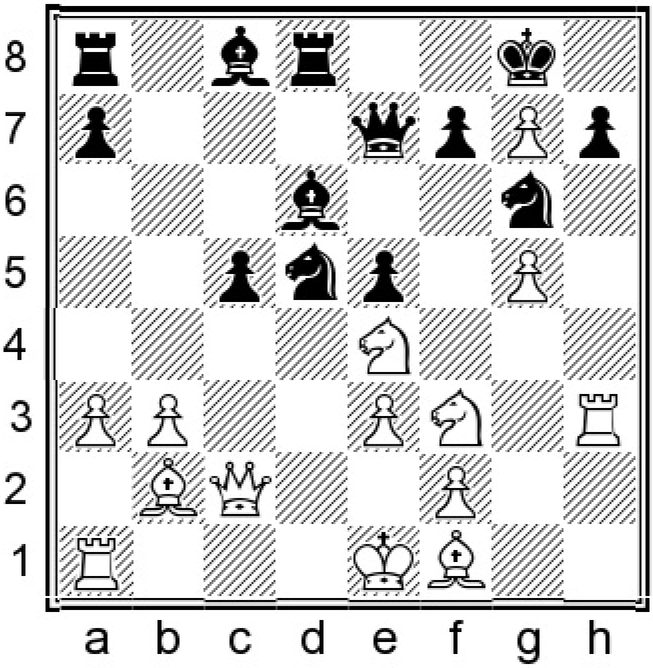
10.g4 ♘f8 11.g5 ♘e8 12.h4 ♘c7 13.d4 b6 14.h5 ♗b7 15.h6 c5?

15...g6 16.e4 ♘e8∞

16.hxg7 ♘g6 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.♖h3! e5

18...♘e8 19.O-O-O dxc4 20.♗xc4 ♘xg7 21.♖dh1 ♘f5 22.♖xh7! ♗xf3 23.♘d5 exd5 24.♖h8+ ♘xh8 25.♖xh8#

19.cxd5 ♘xd5 20.♘e4 ♗c8



21.♖d1!!+-

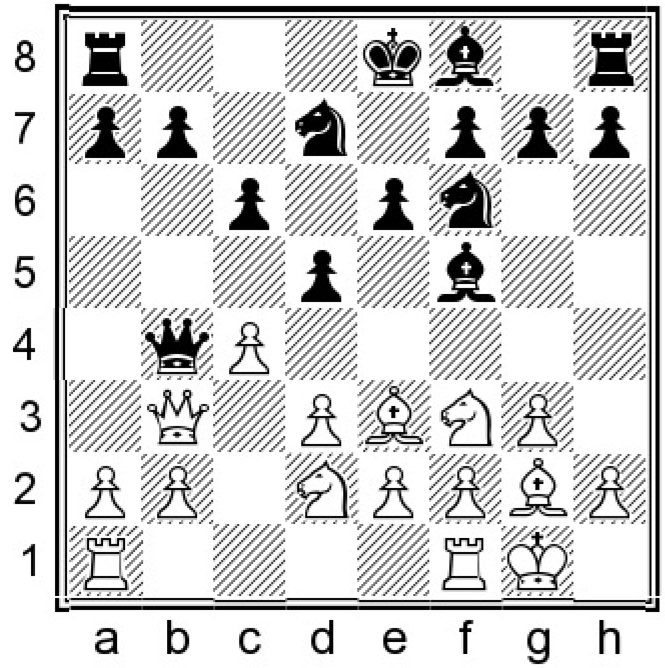
21.♖h2 ♗f5

21...♗xh3 22.♗xh3 ♘b6 23.♘h4! ♕c7 24.♘f5 ♗e7 25.♘f6+ ♗xf6 26.gxf6 h5 27.♗g2 ♖ab8 28.♗e4 ♖xd1+ 29.♕xd1 ♘d7 30.♘e7+! ♘xe7 31.♗h7+! 1-0

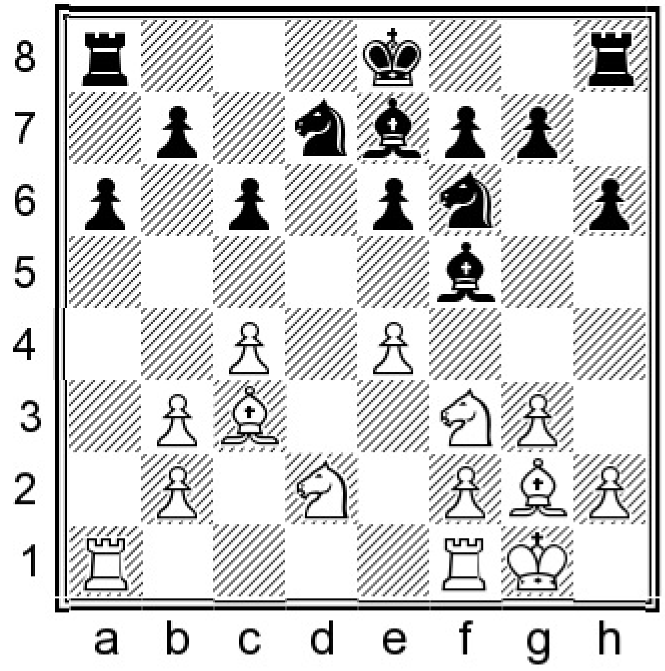
6. * A11
Donchenko, Alexander (2630) - Nasuta, Grzegorz (2500)
Polanica-Zdroj 153/6, 2022

1.c4 c6 2.♘f3 d5 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 ♗f5 5.O-O

5.♕b3 ♕b6 6.d3 e6 7.♗e3 ♕b4+ (7...♕xb3 - 126/6) 8.♘bd2 ♘bd7 9.O-O



9...h6N (9...♗e7) 10.♗d4 (10.cxd5!? exd5 11.♕xb4 ♗xb4 12.a3 ♗c5 13.♘d4 ♗h7 14.b4 ♗b6 15.♘2b3±) 10...♕xb3 11.axb3 a6 (11...c5 12.♗xf6 ♘xf6 13.b4 cxb4 14.♘d4 ♗g6 15.♘b5±) 12.♗c3 (12.♖fe1 c5!?±) 12...♗e7 (12...c5 13.d4!?±) 13.e4!? (13.b4 O-O 14.♘b3±) 13...dxe4 14.dxe4

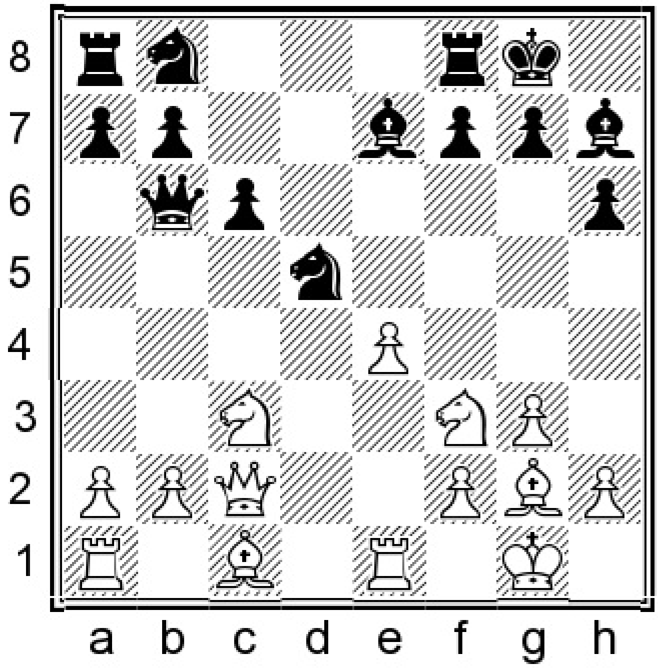


14...♗h7?! (14...♗xe4 15.♘xe4 ♘xe4 16.♗xg7 ♖h7 17.♗d4 ♘dc5 18.♖ae1 (18.♖a3 ♘d7=) 18...a5 19.♖e3∞) 15.♖fe1 ♘c5 16.♘e5 ♖d8 17.♖e2 (17.♖e3!?) 17...♘d3 18.♘xd3 ♖xd3 19.b4 O-O 20.e5± Pantsulaia,L (2581)-Vera Siguenas,D (2503) Chennai (ol) 153/(6) 2022

5...e6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d3 ♗e7 8.♕b3

8.♘d4 - 71/8

8...♕b6 9.♕c2 O-O 10.♘c3 h6 11.e4 ♗h7 12.♖e1 dxe4 13.dxe4 ♘d5N



13...♘bd7

14.♘a4!

14.♘e5 ♘xc3 15.bxc3 ♕c7 16.♘c4 ♘a6 17.♗f4 ♕d7 18.♖ad1 ♕e6∞

14...♕a5

14...♕a6 15.♘e5 ♕a5 16.♘d3 ♘a6 17.a3±

15.a3

15.♗d2!? ♗b4 16.♕b3 ♗xd2 17.♘xd2 ♘b6 18.♘xb6 ♕xb6 19.♕c3 ♘a6 20.♘c4±

15...♘b6

15...♘d7 16.b4 ♕d8 17.♗b2 a5 18.♕e2! ♘5b6 19.♘xb6 ♕xb6 20.e5 ♕b5 (20...axb4 21.e6→) 21.♕e3±

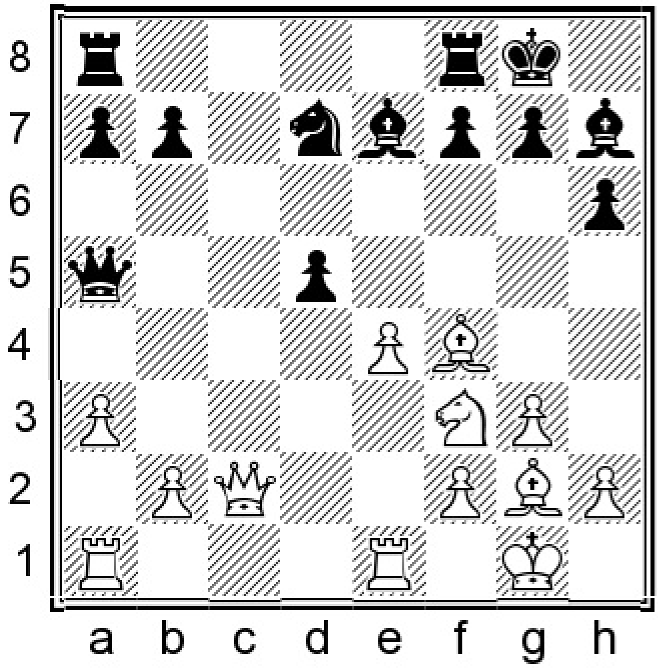
16.♘c3

16.♘xb6!? axb6 17.♗d2 ♕b5 18.♗c3 ♘d7 19.♘d4 ♕a6 20.♗f1 b5 21.a4±

16...♘8d7 17.♗f4 ♘d5

⌓17...♖fe8 18.♖ad1 ♗f8 19.♘d4 ♕h5 20.h3 f6 21.♗e3± (21.♘f5±)

18.♘xd5 cxd5



19.♕d2! ♕xd2 20.♘xd2 d4

20...dxe4 21.♘xe4±

21.♘b3±

21.♘c4?! ♖fc8 22.♗d6 ♖xc4 23.♗xe7 ♘e5 24.♗d6 ♘d3 25.♖ed1 ♘xb2 26.♖d2 ♖d8=

21...g5 22.♗d2 ♘e5

22...d3 23.♖ad1 ♘b6 24.♘c1 ♘c4 25.♘xd3±

23.♘xd4 ♘d3 24.♖e2 ♘xb2 25.♘f5 ♗xf5 26.exf5 ♗f6?!

26...♗c5 27.♗c3 ♘c4 28.♗xb7 ♖ab8 29.♗a6 ♖b3 30.♖c1 ♘d6 31.a4±

27.♖c1+- ♖fd8 28.♗xb7 ♖ab8 29.♖c7 ♘c4

29...♘d3 30.♗a5 ♔g7 31.♗e4 ♖d4 (31...♖b3 32.♖xf7+ ♔xf7 33.♗xd8 ♗xd8 34.♗d5+) 32.♔g2 h5 33.♖e3

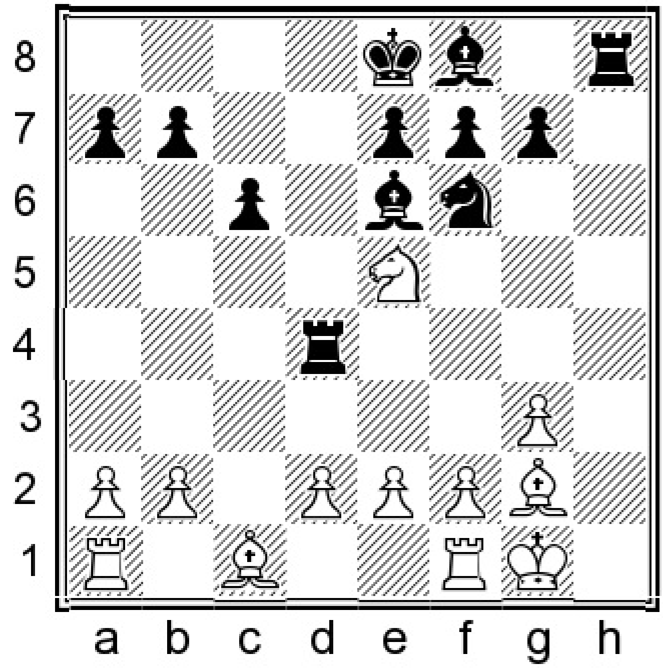
30.♗b4 a5 31.♗e7 ♖e8 32.♗xf6 ♖xe2 33.♖xc4 1-0

7. A11
Aronian, Levon (2775) - Mchedlishvili, Mikheil (2593)
Chennai (ol) 153/7, 2022

1.c4 c6 2.♘f3 d5 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 dxc4 5.O-O ♘bd7 6.♕c2 ♘b6 7.♘a3 ♗e6 8.♘e5 h5 9.♘axc4 ♘xc4 10.♘xc4 h4 11.♘e5 hxg3 12.hxg3 ♕d4 13.♕c3 ♖d8

13...♕xc3 - 144/(2)

14.♕xd4 ♖xd4



15.d3!?N

15.e3

15...a6

15...♖h5! 16.f4! (16.♘f3 ♖d8 17.♗e3 a6 18.♖fc1 g6 19.a4 ♘d5 20.♗d2 ♗h6∞) 16...♘g4 17.♗f3 ♖h3 18.♘xg4 ♗xg4 19.♔g2 ♗xf3+ 20.♔xf3 e6 21.♗e3 ♖a4 22.a3 g6! (22...♖a5 23.♖h1 ♖xh1 24.♖xh1±) 23.♗d2 ♗g7 24.♖a2 ♖h2 25.b3 ♖a6 26.a4 e5!∞

16.♗d2!?

16.♗e3 ♖d8 17.♗b6 ♖c8 18.♘c4 g6 19.♖fc1 ♖h5 20.♖c2±

16...♗h3 17.♖fc1

17.♗xh3 ♖xh3 18.♔g2 ♖h8 19.f4 ♖d8 20.♖h1 ♖xh1 21.♖xh1 ♘d7 22.♘c4±

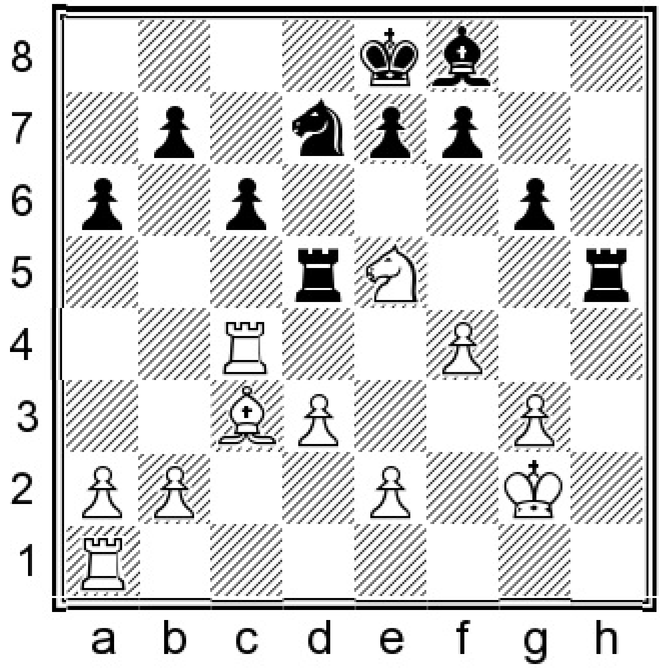
17...♗xg2 18.♔xg2 g6

18...♖d5 19.♗c3 ♘d7 20.♘c4 ♖dh5 21.b4 ♖h2+ 22.♔f3 f5 23.e4±

19.♖c4

19.a4 ♖d5 20.♗c3 ♖h5 21.f4±

19...♖d5 20.♗c3 ♖h5 21.f4 ♘d7



22.♘f3! e6 23.g4

23.♗d4! ♗e7 24.e4 ♖b5 25.g4 ♖h7 26.♖c2±

23...♖h7 24.g5 ♗d6 25.a4 ♔d8 26.b3

26.♖d1!?⩲ Δe5? 27.e4! ♖c5 28.♗xe5+-

26...e5! 27.fxe5 ♘xe5 28.♗xe5 ♗xe5 29.d4 ♗c7

29...♗f4 30.e4 ♖d7 31.♖g1 ♖h5 32.♔f2 ♗d6 33.♔e2 a5=

30.e4 ♖d7 31.b4 ♖h8 32.♖ac1 ♖e8

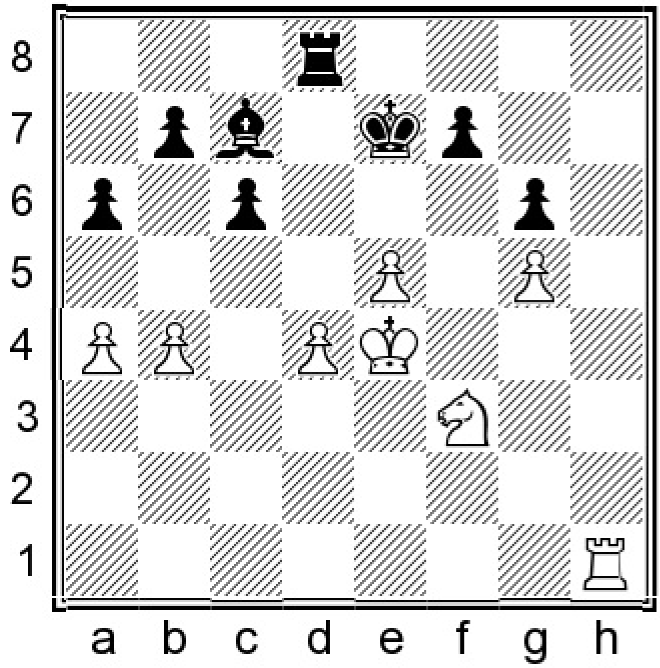
32...♖h5 33.♔f2 ♗f4 34.♖g1=

33.e5 ♗b6 34.♖h1 ♖d5

34...♔e7 35.♔f2 a5=

35.♔g3 ♔e7 36.♔f4⩲ ♖dd8 37.♔e4 ♖h8 38.♖cc1 ♖xh1 39.♖xh1 ♖d5

39...♗c7



40.♘e1! ♗b6 41.♘c2 ♖b8 42.a5 ♗a7 43.♘a1 ♖d8 (43...b6 44.♘b3!) 44.♘b3±

40.♖h8 ♖d8 41.♖h7 ♔e6 42.a5 ♗a7 43.♖h1 ♔e7 44.♔d3 ♔e6 45.♖h4 ♔e7 46.♘d2 c5 47.bxc5 ♗xc5 48.♔c3 ♗a7 49.♘c4± ♗b8

49...♔e6 50.♖f4 ♖d5 51.♖f6+ ♔e7 52.♘b6 ♗xb6 53.♖xb6 ♖xa5 54.♖xb7+ ♔e6 55.♔d3 ♖a2 56.♖b6+ ♔e7 57.♔e4+-

50.♔d3 ♖d5 51.♔e4 ♖b5 52.♖h8 ♗c7 53.♘e3+- ♗xa5 54.♘d5+ ♔d7 55.♖f8 ♗d8 56.♘f6+ ♔c8 57.♖xf7 a5 58.e6 a4

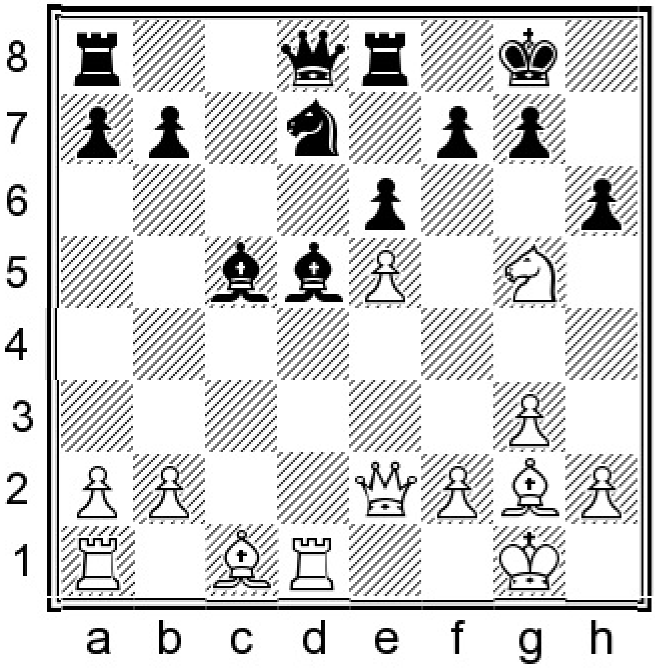
58...♖xg5 59.♘d5 ♖f5 60.e7

59.e7 ♗xe7 60.♖xe7 1-0

8. A11
Engqvist, Thomas (2330) - Wiedenkeller, Michael (2437)
Sverige (ch) 153/8, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.♗g2 ♗g4 4.c4 ♘f6 5.♘e5 ♗e6 6.cxd5 ♗xd5 7.♘f3 c5 8.♘c3 ♗c6 9.O-O ♘bd7 10.d3 e6 11.e4 ♗e7 12.♘e1N

12.♕e2 O-O 13.d4 ♖e8 14.♖d1 ♗f8 (14...b6 - 104/154) 15.dxc5 ♗xc5 16.e5 (16.♘d4 e5 17.♘xc6 (17.♘f5 g6∞) 17...bxc6∞) 16...♘d5 17.♘xd5 (17.♘e4 ♗e7 18.♗g5 h6 19.♗xe7 ♕xe7 20.♘d6 ♖ed8∞) 17...♗xd5 (17...exd5∞) 18.♘g5!? h6



19.♖xd5!? (19.♘e4 ♗e7∞; 19.♗xd5 exd5 20.♘f3 (20.♘xf7!?) 20...d4!∞) 19...exd5 20.♘xf7! ♔xf7 21.♗xd5+ ♔e7 22.♕g4 ♘xe5 (22...♕b6 23.♕xg7+ ♔d8 24.e6=∞ →) 23.♕e6+ ♔f8 24.♕g8+ ♔e7 25.♕e6+=

12...O-O 13.f4 b5

13...♘b6!? 14.e5 ♘fd5 15.♘e4 c4 16.d4 ♘b4 17.a3 ♗xe4 18.♗xe4 ♘c6 19.♗e3 ♘d5 20.♗f2 c3 21.♗xd5 ♕xd5 22.bxc3 ♘a5=∞

14.e5 ♘d5 15.♘xd5 ♗xd5

15...exd5!?

16.♗xd5 exd5 17.♕b3 c4 18.♕xb5 ♘c5 19.dxc4 ♖b8 20.♕c6 dxc4 21.♗e3 ♕a5 22.♕d5 ♖xb2

22...♖fd8!? 23.♕xc4 ♘b3 24.♖b1 (24.axb3 ♕xa1 25.♘d3 ♕a5 26.e6 ♕f5 27.exf7+ ♕xf7 28.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 29.♘e5+ ♔g8 30.♗xa7 ♖xb3 31.♘c6 ♖d7 32.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 33.♗d4=) 24...♕xa2 25.♘d3 ♖bc8 26.♕e4 ♕a6 27.♖fd1 (27.♘f2) 27...♖c4 28.♕f3 ♘d4 29.♗xd4 (29.♕f2? ♖c2 30.♖d2 ♖xd2-+) 29...♖cxd4 30.♘f2 ♗c5 31.♖xd4 ♗xd4 32.♔g2 ♕a2 33.♕d3 ♗b6 34.♕c2 ♕d5+ 35.♕e4 ♗xf2 36.♕xd5 ♖xd5 37.♔xf2 ♖d2+=

23.♕xc4 ♘b3?

23...h5!?; 23...♖d8!?

24.axb3 ♕xa1 25.♗d4 ♕a2 26.♗xb2 ♕xb2 27.♘f3 ♕a3

27...♖d8 28.e6! f6 29.♖f2 ♕a3 30.♔g2±

28.♖d1 ♕c5+?!

28...h6

29.♕xc5 ♗xc5+ 30.♔g2 ♖b8?!

30...h6

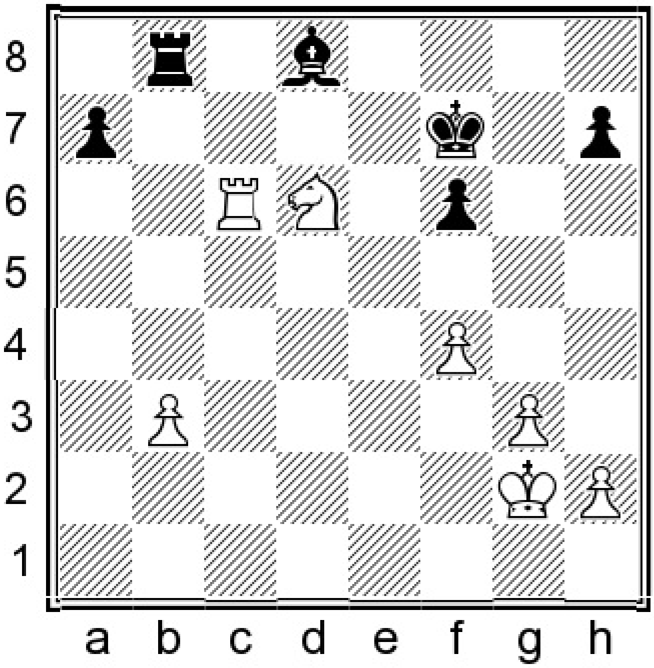
31.♖c1 ♗b6 32.♘g5 f6?

32...h6 33.♘e4 ♔f8 34.♘d6 ♔e7 35.♔f3+-

33.exf6 gxf6 34.♘e4 ♔f7

⌓34...♔g7

35.♖c6 ♗d8 36.♘d6+



36...♔e6??

36...♔g6

37.♘b7+ ♔d7??

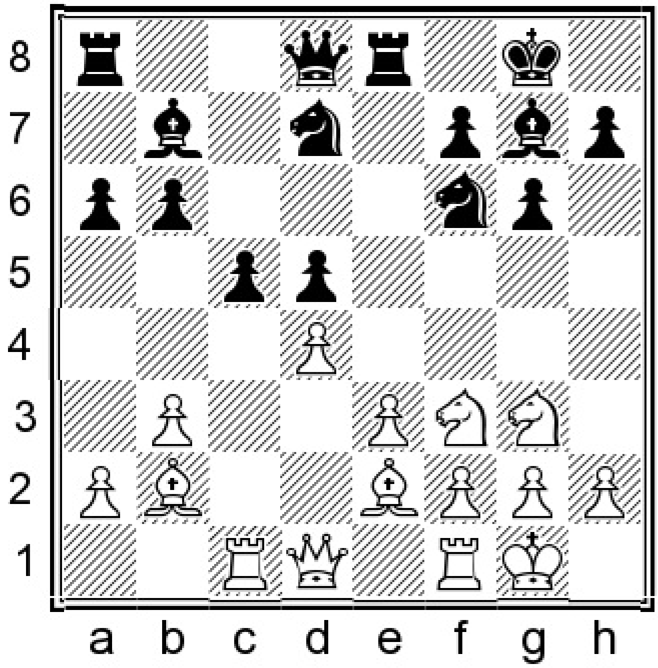
37...♔f5 38.♘xd8 ♖xd8 39.♖c7 h5

38.♘xd8 ♔xd8 39.♖xf6 ♖xb3 40.♖f7 a5 41.♖xh7 ♔c8 42.f5 ♖b5 43.f6 ♖f5 44.f7 ♔d8 45.g4 ♖f4 46.♔g3 ♖f1 47.f8=♕+ ♖xf8 48.♖a7 1-0

9. * A13
Santos Latasa, Jaime (2648) - Michalik, Peter (2585)
Terme Catez 153/9, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.b3 d5 4.♗b2 ♘bd7

4...b6 5.e3 ♗b7 6.♘c3 ♘bd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♖c1 a6 9.♘e2 c5 10.♘g3 g6 11.♗e2 ♗g7 12.O-O O-O 13.d4 ♖e8



14.♖c2N (14.♗d3 ♘e4 15.♖c2 ♖c8 16.dxc5 ♗xb2 17.c6 ♖xc6 18.♖xb2 ♕f6 19.♖c2 ♖xc2 20.♗xc2 ♘dc5 21.♕d4 ♕xd4=) 14...♖c8 15.♕a1 ♕e7 16.♖fc1 h5 17.a4 a5 18.♗b5 ♗c6 19.♗xc6 ♖xc6∞ Mendonca,L (2567) -Michalik,P (2422) Novi Sad 153/(9) 2022

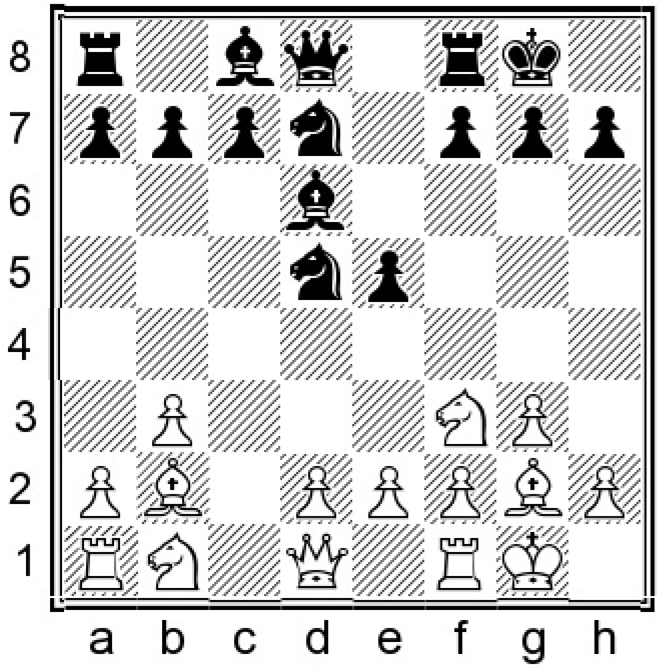
5.g3 ♗d6 6.♗g2 e5?!N

6...O-O - 5/28

7.cxd5 ♘xd5 8.O-O

8.d3 O-O 9.O-O ♖e8 10.♘bd2±

8...O-O



9.e4!

9.♘xe5! ♗xe5 10.d4 ♘f4 11.dxe5 ♘xg2 12.♔xg2 ♕e7 13.f4 b6 14.♕c2 ♗b7+ 15.♔g1 ♘c5 16.♗a3!+-

9...♘5b6

9...♘b4 10.d4 exd4 11.♕xd4! f6 12.♘c3 ♔h8 13.♖ad1+-

10.d4 f6

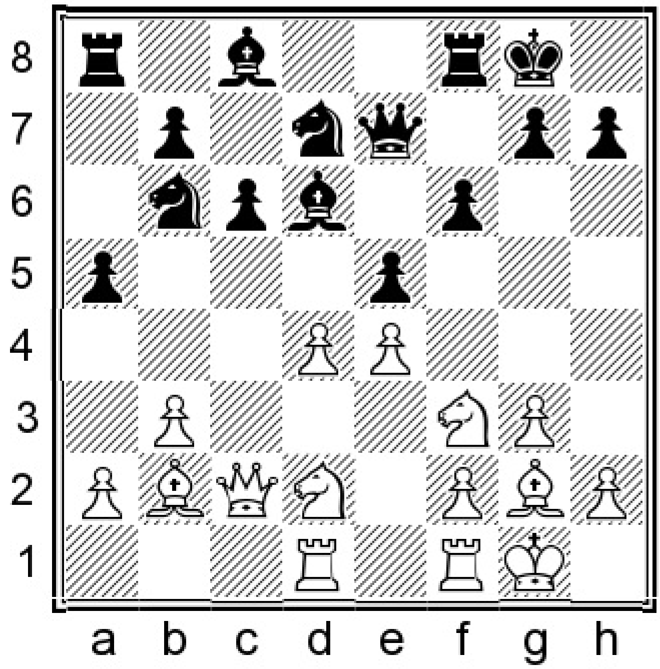
10...exd4 11.♘xd4 ♖e8 12.♘c3 ♘e5 13.♕c2 ♗g4 14.f3 ♗c5 15.♘e2±

11.♕c2 ♕e7 12.♘bd2

12.♘c3 c6 13.♘d1!? (13.♖ad1±) 13...♗a3 14.♘e3 exd4 15.♘xd4 ♗xb2 16.♕xb2 ♘e5 17.♖fd1 ♖e8 18.♖d2 a5 19.♖ad1±

12...c6 13.♖ad1 exd4

13...a5



14.♘h4! g6 15.♘hf3 a4 16.h3 axb3 17.axb3 exd4 18.♘xd4 ♗a3 19.♗a1±

14.♘xd4 ♘e5 15.f4 ♘f7 16.h3 ♖e8 17.♘2f3 ♗a3

17...♕xe4?? 18.♖fe1+-

18.♗a1 ♗d7 19.♘h4 ♖ad8 20.♔h2 ♕c5 21.♕b1 ♗b4 22.♘df5 ♗xf5 23.♘xf5 ♖xd1 24.♖xd1 ♕f8 25.♕c2

25.h4!?→

25...♖d8 26.h4 ♖xd1 27.♕xd1 ♘d6 28.♘d4 ♘f7 29.♕g4+- ♘h6 30.♕e2 ♕c5 31.♘e6 ♕a5

31...♕e7 32.♗h3 ♘d7 33.♗d4 a5 34.e5 fxe5 35.fxe5 ♘f7 36.♘xg7 ♔xg7 (36...♘fxe5 37.♘e6 ♗d6 38.♔g2) 37.♕g4+ ♔f8 38.♕xd7

32.♗d4 ♗c3 33.♗f2 ♕b4 34.♗c5 ♕a5 35.♗h3

35.♕h5 ♘f7 36.♘f8!

35...♗b4 36.♗f2 ♗e7

36...♘f7 37.h5 ♗e7 38.a4 ♕c3 39.♕g4 ♗f8 40.♘xf8 ♔xf8 41.♕f5

37.a4 ♕c3 38.♕h5 1-0

10. A13
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2759) - Indjic, Aleksandar (2620)
Chennai (ol) 153/10, 2022

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.e3 a6 5.b3 e6 6.♗b2 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♖c1 d4?!N

8...♗g4 - 137/3

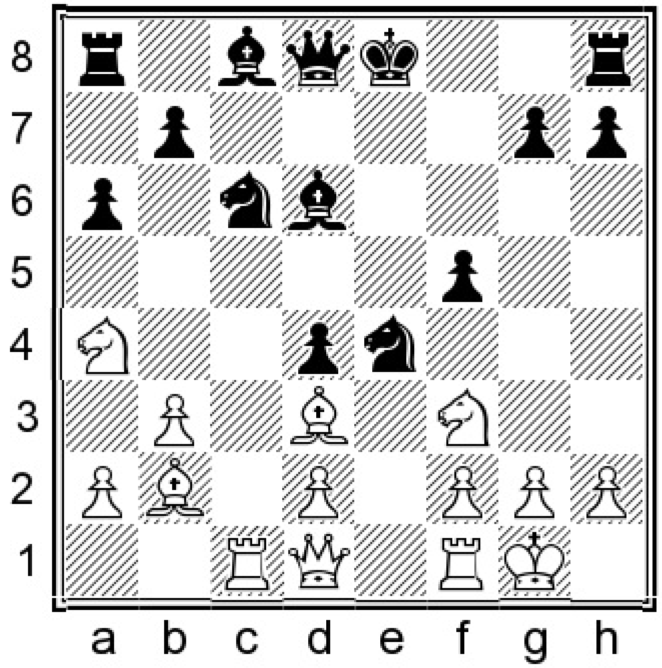
9.♘a4 ♘e4

9...dxe3 10.dxe3 ♕xd1+ 11.♖xd1 ♗e6 12.♘b6 ♖d8 13.♘g5 ♖xd1+ 14.♔xd1 ♘b4 15.♘xe6 fxe6 16.♗c4 ♘xa2 17.♗xe6 ♘e4 18.♔e2 ♘ac3+ 19.♗xc3 ♘xc3+ 20.♔d3 ♘b5 21.♖c1 ♗d6 22.♗d5±; 9...♗g4 10.h3 ♗h5 11.♘xc5 dxe3 12.dxe3 ♕xd1+ 13.♔xd1 O-O-O+ 14.♔e1 ♖d5 15.♘xa6 ♔d7 16.♗c4 bxa6 17.♗xd5 ♘xd5 18.♔e2±

10.♗d3 f5 11.O-O± ♗d6

11...dxe3 12.dxe3 ♗d6 13.♗c4 ♕e7 (13...b5 14.♗xg7+-) 14.♘b6 ♖b8 15.♘d5+-

12.exd4 cxd4



13.♖xc6!

13.♗c4!? ♗e7 (13...b5 14.♗d5 ♗xh2+ 15.♘xh2 ♕xd5 16.♘b6+-) 14.d3 ♘d6 (14...♘c3 15.♘xc3 dxc3 16.♗xc3 b5 17.♗xg7+-) 15.♘xd4 ♘xc4 16.dxc4+-

13...bxc6 14.♗c4 c5

14...♔f8 15.♗xd4 c5 16.♗b2 ♗b7 17.♖e1 ♕c7 18.d3 ♘f6 19.d4 ♗xf3 20.♕xf3 ♖e8 21.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 22.♘xc5 ♗xc5 23.dxc5+-

15.d3

15.b4!? cxb4 16.♗xd4 ♗b7 17.♘b6 ♕c7 18.d3 ♘c5 19.♖e1+ ♔d8 20.♘xa8 ♗xa8 21.♘e5+-

15...♘f6 16.♖e1+

16.b4!?

16...♔f8 17.b4 cxb4 18.♗xd4 ♖b8

18...♗d7 19.♘b6 ♖b8 20.♘xd7+ ♕xd7 21.♕a1 ♘e8 22.♘g5+-

19.♘c5 ♕c7 20.♘e6+ ♗xe6 21.♖xe6 ♖e8 22.♘g5 h6

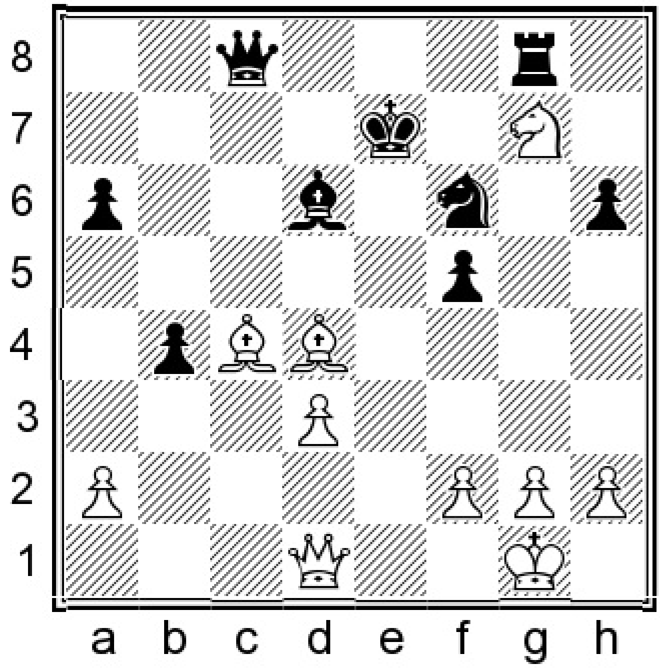
22...♗xh2+ 23.♔h1+-

23.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 24.♘e6 ♕b7

24...♕c6 25.♘xg7++-

25.♕a4+ ♔e7 26.♘xg7 ♕c8 27.♕a5

27.♕d1 ♖g8



28.♕a1!+-

27...♖e8 28.♔f1

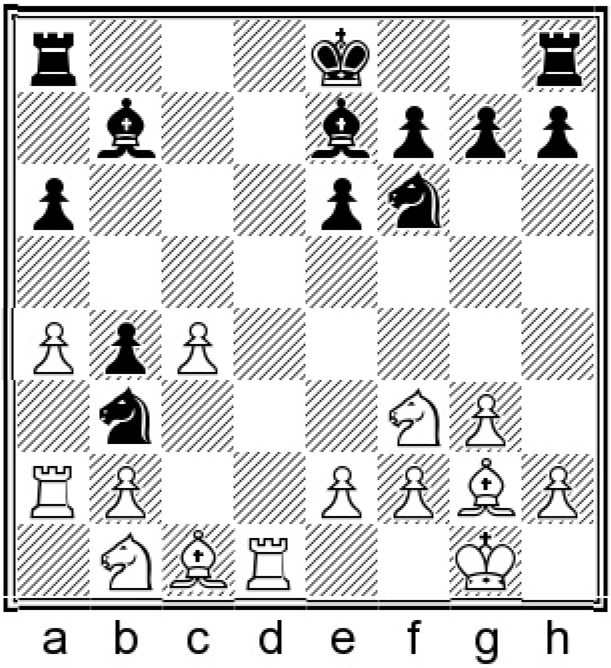
28.h3 ♔f8 29.♘xe8 ♕xe8 30.♔f1 ♕h5 31.♗b3+-

28...♘e4 29.♘xf5+ ♔d7 30.♕a4+ ♔d8 31.♗b6+ ♗c7 32.dxe4 1-0

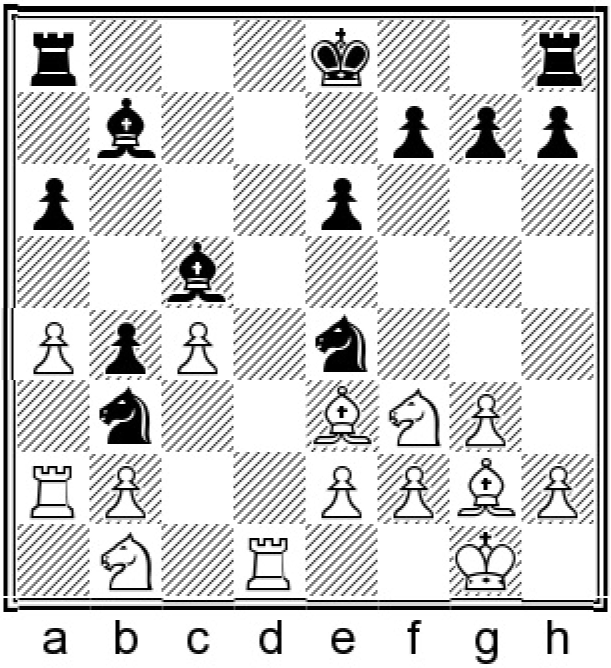
11. * A13
Jumabayev, Rinat (2617) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2608)
Chennai (ol) 153/11, 2022

1.c4 e6 2.♘f3

2.g3 d5 3.♘f3 dxc4 4.♕a4+ ♘d7 5.♗g2 a6 6.♕xc4 b5 7.♕b3 ♗b7 8.O-O ♘gf6 9.♘c3 (9.d3 - 70/6) 9...c5 10.d3 ♗e7 11.a4 c4 12.dxc4 ♘c5 13.♕d1 b4 14.♘b1 ♕xd1 15.♖xd1 ♘b3 16.♖a2



16...♘e4N (16...♗e4 17.♗e3!∞ (17.♘fd2 O-O-O! 18.♖e1 ♗xb1 19.♘xb1 ♖d7-+)) 17.♗e3 ♗c5

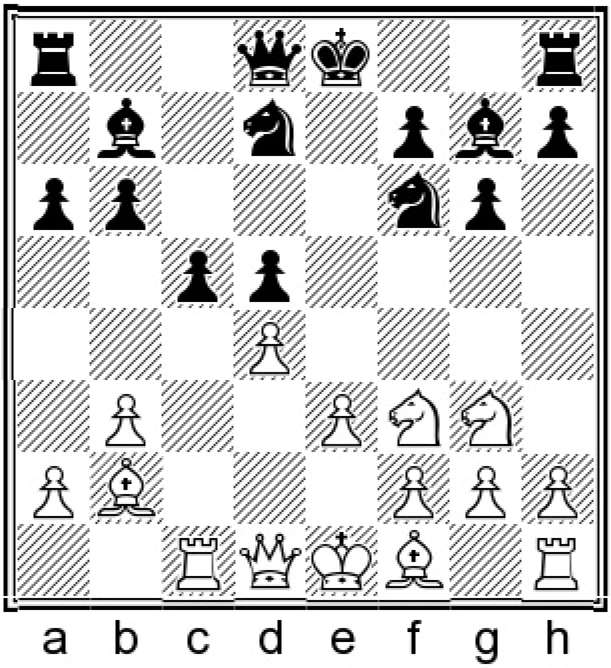


18.♖d3? (18.♘g5 ♗xe3 19.♘xe4 ♗c5 20.♘xc5 ♘xc5 21.♗xb7 ♘xb7 22.a5 ♘c5=∞) 18...♗xe3 19.♖xb3 (19.♖xe3 O-O-O-+) 19...♗xf2+ 20.♔f1 O-O-O-+ Stremavicius,T (2526)-Pultinevicius,P (2541) Riga 153/(11) 2022

2...♘f6 3.♘c3 d5 4.e3 b6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.b3 ♗b7 7.♗b2 ♘bd7 8.♖c1 a6 9.♘e2

9.♗e2 - 149/3

9...c5 10.♘g3 g6 11.d4 ♗g7



12.♗e2N

12.dxc5

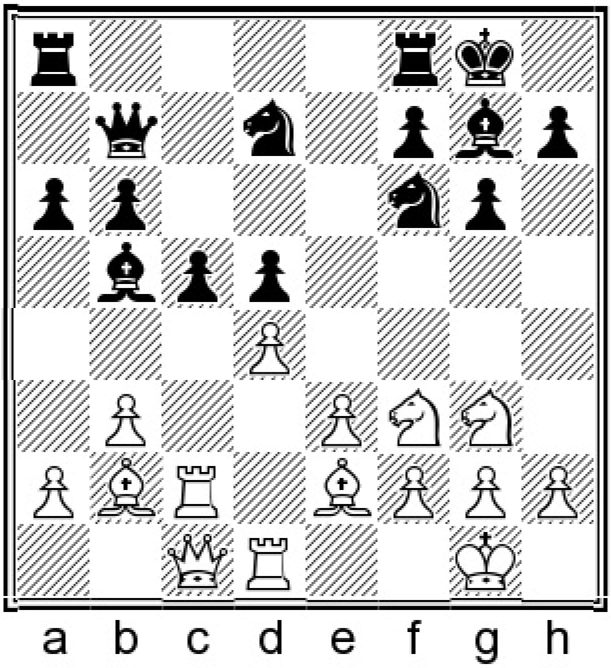
12...O-O 13.♖c2 ♗c6 14.♕c1 ♗b5

14...♕e7 15.O-O ♖fc8 16.h3 h5 17.♗d3 ♘e4 18.♘e2 a5 19.a4 ♗b7 20.♘f4±

15.O-O ♕b8

15...♖e8 16.♖d1 h5 17.a4 ♗c6 18.a5±

16.♖d1 ♕b7



16...♖c8 17.♘e5 cxd4 18.♘xd7 ♘xd7 19.♗xd4 ♗xd4 20.♖xd4 ♗xe2 21.♘xe2 ♘f6 22.♘f4±

17.dxc5! bxc5 18.♗xf6

18.♘e5! ♘xe5 19.♗xe5 c4 20.♕b2 ♕e7 21.♗f3 cxb3 22.axb3 ♖fe8 23.♗d4 ♖ed8 24.♗e2!?±

18...♗xf6 19.♗xb5 axb5 20.♖cd2

20.♕d2 ♗e7 21.♕xd5 ♕xd5 22.♖xd5 ♘f6 23.♖dd2 ♖fd8 24.e4 ♖xd2 25.♘xd2! (25.♖xd2 c4! 26.bxc4 bxc4 27.♖c2 ♖a4±) 25...♘g4 26.♘gf1 ♔g7 27.g3 ♘e5 28.♘e3±

20...d4

20...♗e7 21.♖xd5 ♘b6 22.♖5d2 c4 23.bxc4 bxc4 24.h4!?→ (24.♖c2 ♖fd8 25.♘e2 ♖xd1+ 26.♕xd1 ♖d8 27.♘ed4±)

21.exd4

21.♕c2!? ♕d5 22.exd4 c4 23.h4 ♗g7 24.♘e4→

21...cxd4 22.♕b1 ♘c5

22...♗g7 23.♘e4! ♘f6 24.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 25.♘xd4 ♖fd8 26.♘f3±

23.♘xd4 b4 24.♖c2

24.♘f3 ♗c3 25.♖e2 ♖fd8 26.h4 ♕c7 27.h5 ♖xd1+ 28.♕xd1 ♘e6 29.♕c2±

24...♖a5

24...♘e4 25.♘xe4 ♕xe4 26.♘e2 ♖fd8 27.♘g3 ♕b7 28.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 29.♖c4 h5 30.h4 ♕e7 31.♖e4 ♕b7 32.♘f1±

25.♖c4 h5 26.h3 ♖e8 27.♕c2 h4 28.♘f1 ♕b6 29.♘e3

29.a3!?+-

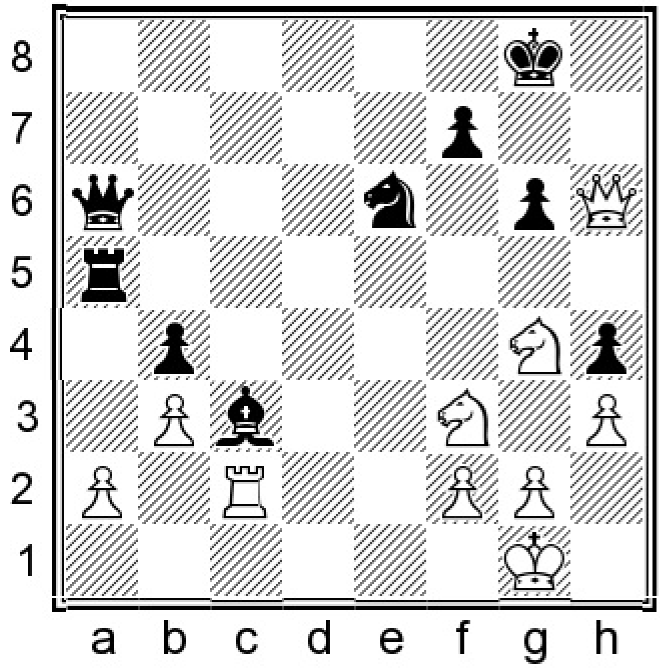
29...♖d8 30.♘f3

30.♘g4 ♗g7 31.♘c6! ♖xd1+ 32.♕xd1 ♕xc6 33.♕d8+ ♗f8 34.♕xa5+-

30...♖xd1+ 31.♕xd1 ♘e6 32.♖c2 ♕b7 33.♘g4 ♗c3 34.♕c1

34.a4?! ♖d5 35.♕f1 ♘c5±

34...♕a6 35.♕h6?



35.♖xc3! bxc3 36.♕xc3 ♖c5 37.♘f6+ ♔h8 38.♕d2 ♔g7 39.♕b2 ♖f5 40.♘g4++-

35...♕d3

35...♖h5! 36.♕c1 ♕d3 37.♘e3 ♖c5 38.♕d1 ♕e4±

36.♖xc3 ♕xc3 37.♘fe5 ♘g7 38.♘f6+ ♔f8 39.♘fd7+ ♔e7 40.♕xh4+ ♔d6 41.♕f6+ ♘e6 42.♘c4+ ♔xd7 43.♕xf7+ ♔d8 44.♘xa5

44.♕xe6?? ♕c1+ 45.♔h2 ♕f4+=

44...♕e1+ 45.♔h2 ♕e5+ 46.f4 ♕d5 47.♘b7+ ♔c8 48.♘c5 1-0

12. * A13
Ghosh, Diptayan (2538) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2616)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/12, 2022

1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 e6 3.♗g2 d5 4.♘f3 d4 5.O-O c5 6.e3 ♘c6 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 ♗d6 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗xf6 ♕xf6 11.♘bd2 ♕d8

11...♕e7 12.♖e1 O-O 13.a3 (13.♘b3 - 152/5) 13...a5 14.♘b3 ♖d8 15.♘bxd4 ♘xd4 16.♘xd4 ♗xg3 17.hxg3 ♖xd4 18.♕c2N (18.♖e4) 18...e5 19.f4 ♗f5 20.♖xe5 ♕f6 21.♖d1 ♖ad8 22.♗d5 ♗e6 23.♗xe6 fxe6∞ Sevian,S (2703)-Bjerre,J (2610) Saint Louis 153/(12) 2022

12.a3

12.♘e4 - 141/(6)

12...a5 13.♖c1 O-O 14.c5 ♗e7 15.♕a4!? ♗d7

15...♖a7; 15...♖a6 16.♖fe1±

16.♕c4N

16.♘xd4

16...e5

16...b6!? 17.cxb6 ♕xb6 18.♕c2 ♖ac8 19.♘c4 ♕a6 20.♕e2 ♖fd8∞

17.♖fe1 ♕c7 18.♘e4

18.♕c2 ♖fe8 19.h4 a4 20.♘c4 ♗xc5 21.♘cxe5 ♘xe5 22.♖xe5 ♖xe5 23.♘xe5 ♕xe5 24.♕xc5 ♕xc5 25.♖xc5 ♖c8!=

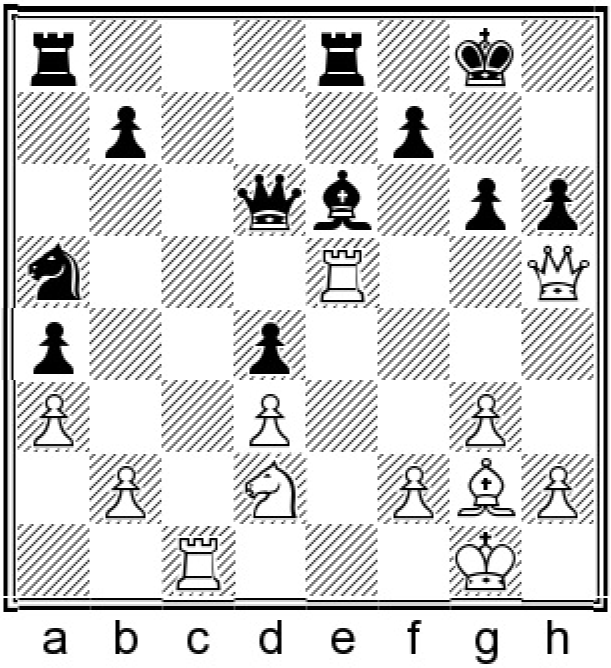
18...a4 19.♘fd2 ♗e6 20.♕c2 ♘a5 21.♕d1 ♖fe8

21...♕d7! 22.♕h5? ♗g4 23.♕xe5 f6 24.♕f4 g5-+

22.♕h5 ♗f8?!

22...f5 23.♗h3 ♖f8 24.♘d6 ♗xd6 25.cxd6 ♕xd6 26.♕e2 ♘c6 27.♗g2 ♖ae8 28.♗xc6 bxc6 29.♕xe5 ♕xe5 30.♖xe5 ♗d5∓

23.♘d6! ♗xd6 24.cxd6 ♕xd6 25.♖xe5± g6



25...♕b6 26.♖b5 ♕a6 27.♖c7 g6 28.♕c5 ♖ec8 29.♖b6 ♕xd3 30.♖xe6! ♖xc7 31.♕xc7 ♕xd2 (31...fxe6? 32.♗e4 ♕xd2 33.♗xg6+-) 32.♖e7±

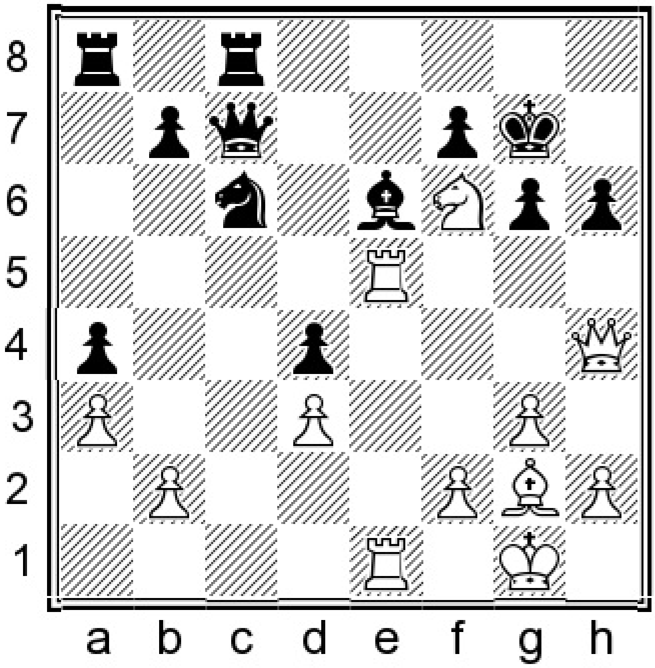
26.♘e4!+- ♖ec8

26...gxh5 27.♘xd6 ♖e7 28.♘c8 ♖e8 29.♘b6

27.♖e1 ♕c7 28.♕h4

28.♘f6+? ♔g7∓

28...♘c6 29.♘f6+ ♔g7



30.♖xe6! fxe6 31.♖xe6 ♖a5

31...♕f7 32.♗d5

32.♘h5+

32.♘e8+ ♖xe8 33.♕f6+ ♔h7 34.♕xg6+ ♔h8 35.♖xe8#

32...♖xh5

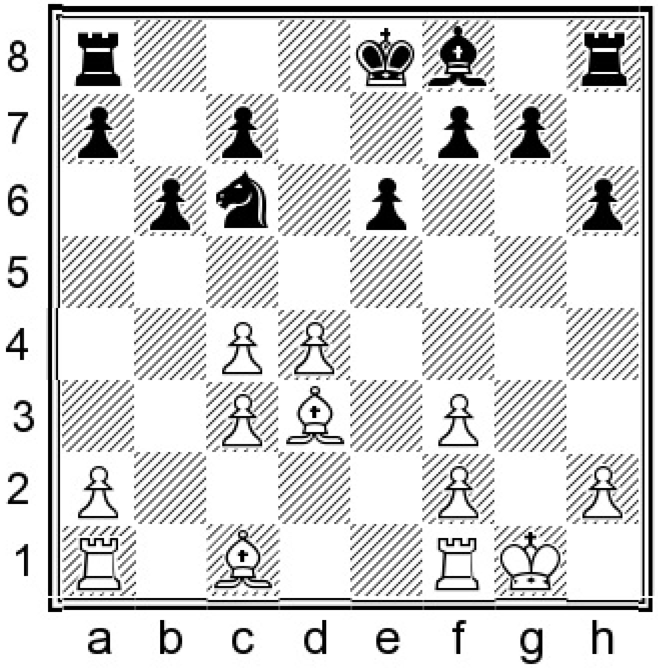
32...gxh5 33.♗xc6 bxc6 34.♖e7+

33.♕f6+ ♔g8 34.♕xg6+ ♕g7 35.♕xh5 ♘e7 36.♗e4 b6 37.♔g2 1-0

13. A18
Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2652) - Willow, Jonah B (2370)
Cattolica 153/13, 2022

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4 5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 ♕xf6 7.♘f3 b6 8.d4 ♗b7 9.♗d3 h6 10.O-O ♗xf3 11.♕xf3 ♕xf3 12.gxf3 ♘d7

12...♘c6



13.c5!? (13.♗e4 ♔d7 14.♖d1 ♖d8 15.c5 g5! (15...bxc5?! 16.dxc5+ ♔c8 17.♗e3±) 16.a4 ♘a5 17.♗e3 f5 18.♗c2 f4 19.♗d2 ♗g7∞) 13...♘e7!? (13...♘a5 14.♗f4 ♔d7 15.♖fd1 ♗e7 16.♖ab1 h5 17.h3 g5 18.♗h2±) 14.♖b1 g5 15.♖b3 ♘d5 16.♖e1 ♗e7∞

13.a4

13.f4 ♗d6 14.f5 exf5 15.♖e1+ ♔f8 16.♗xf5 ♘f6 17.a4 g6 18.♗d3 ♔g7 19.a5 ♖he8=

13...a5

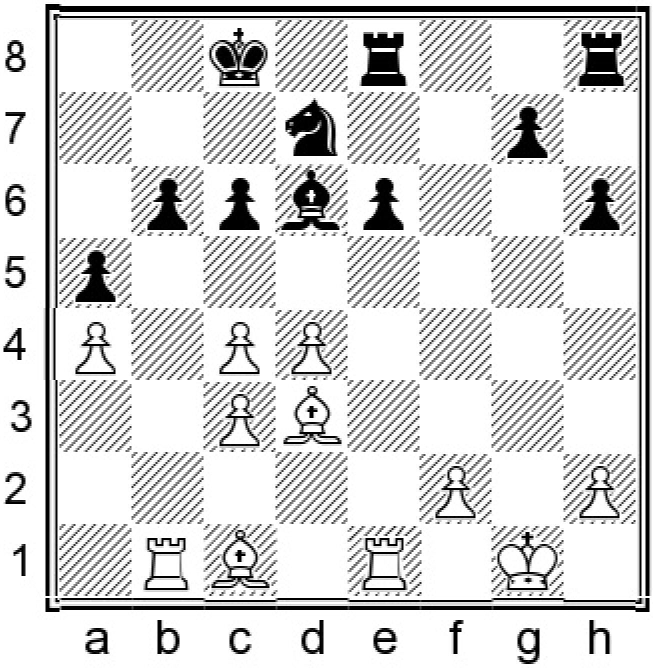
13...♗d6 14.a5 ♔e7!? (14...O-O 15.♗e4 ♖ad8 16.f4 f5 17.♗c6 ♘f6 18.♔g2 Δ♘e4 19.♖e1±) 15.f4 (15.♗e4 ♖ad8 16.axb6 axb6 17.♖e1 g5! 18.♖a7 ♔f6 19.♗b2 ♖hg8 20.h3 h5⇄) 15...f5 16.♖e1 ♔f7 17.h4 (17.♗e3 g5!⇄ 18.d5 gxf4 19.dxe6+ ♔f6=) 17...♘f6 18.♔g2 c6!? (18...♘h5 19.♔f3 g6 20.♗e3±) 19.♗e3 ♖hb8 20.♖eb1 ♗c7 21.a6 ♗d8! 22.♖b3 ♗e7 23.♔f3 g6 24.♖ab1 ♘d7! (24...h5 25.c5! ♘d5 26.♗c4 ♗xh4 27.♗xd5 cxd5 28.cxb6 ♖xb6 29.♖xb6 axb6 30.♖xb6±; 24...♖d8 25.c5! bxc5 26.♖b7 ♘d5 27.♗d2 ♘f6 28.♔e2!± Δcxd4 29.cxd4 ♖xd4 30.♗e3 ♖d7 31.♖xd7 ♘xd7 32.♖b7 ♘b6 33.♗c5 ♘c8 34.♗c4±) 25.h5 (25.c5 ♗xh4 26.cxb6 axb6 27.♖h1 ♗e7 28.♖xh6 ♘f6∞) 25...gxh5 26.c5 (26.d5 ♘c5 27.dxe6+ ♔xe6 28.♗xc5 ♗xc5 29.♖e1+ ♔f6 30.♖e5 ♖d8 31.♖xf5+ ♔e7 32.♗e2 ♖d2 33.♖xh5 ♖g8⇄) 26...h4 (26...bxc5?! 27.♖b7±) 27.♔g2 bxc5 28.♖b7 ♖xb7 29.♖xb7 ♘f6 30.♗c4 ♘g4⇄ 31.♔h3 ♘xe3 32.fxe3 ♔f6 33.♔xh4 cxd4 34.cxd4 ♖c8 35.♖xa7 c5 36.d5 exd5 37.♗xd5 c4=

14.♖e1

14.♗e4 ♖d8! (14...♖b8 15.♗c6 ♗d6 16.♗e3 (16.♖d1 ♖d8 17.c5 bxc5 18.dxc5 ♗xc5 19.♗f4 ♗d6 (-115/6) 20.♖xd6!? cxd6 21.♗xd6 f6 22.♖b1 ♖c8 23.♗b5 ♖xc3 24.♖d1 ♔f7! 25.♗xd7 ♖d8 26.♗b5 e5 27.♔g2 ♖cc8 28.f4 exf4 29.♖d4 g5 30.♗c5 ♖xd4 31.♗xd4 h5 32.♗b6 g4 33.♗xa5 h4=) 16...♔e7 17.♖ab1 g5 18.♖b5 ♖bd8 19.♖fb1 ♘b8 20.♗b7 ♘d7 21.c5 ♗f4 22.h3 ♖hg8 23.♔f1±) 15.♖e1 ♗d6 16.f4 ♘f6 17.♗c6+ ♔f8 18.♖b1 g5! 19.f5 exf5 20.♖b5 ♖g8 21.♖xf5 ♖g6⇄

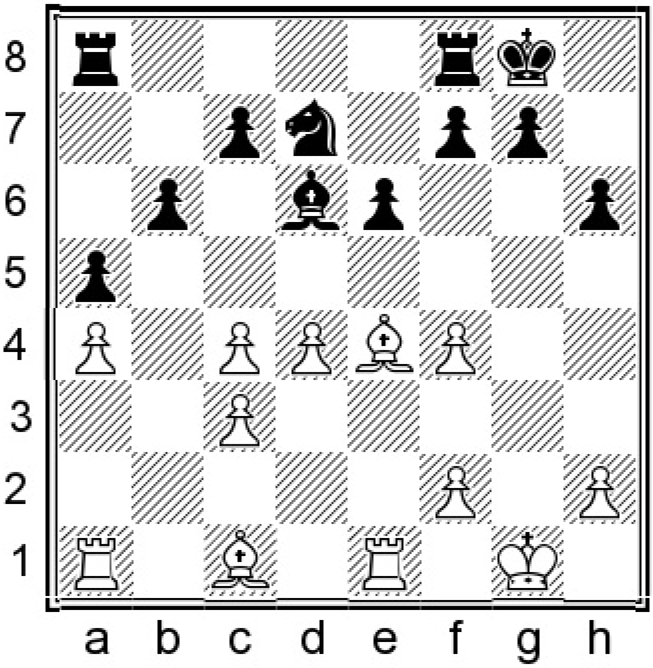
14...♗d6 15.f4 O-O

15...O-O-O 16.♖b1 c6 17.f5 ♖de8 18.fxe6 fxe6



19.c5! bxc5 20.♗a6+ ♔d8 21.♖b7 cxd4 22.cxd4 ♖hf8 23.♗d2 ♗xh2+ 24.♔g2 ♗c7 25.♖c1 ♘b8 26.♗d3⯹

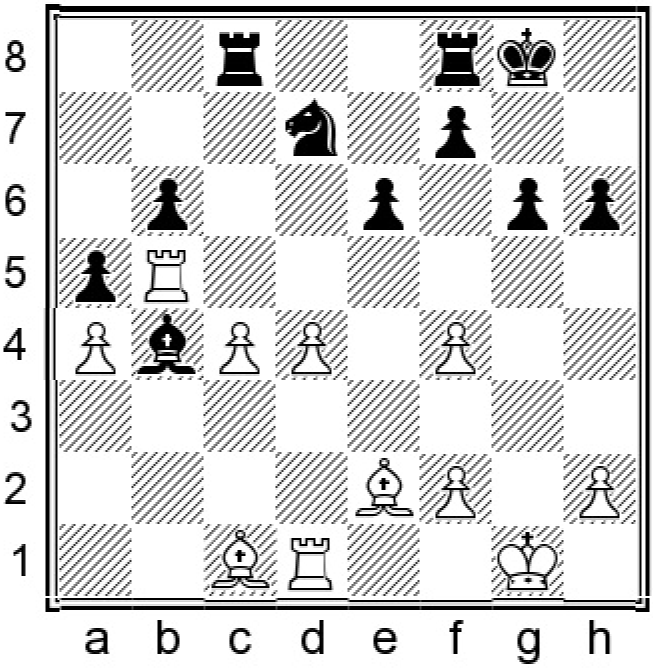
16.♗e4



16...♖ad8N

16...♖ab8

17.♗c6 ♘b8 18.♗f3 ♘d7 19.♖b1 c5 20.♖b5 cxd4 21.cxd4 ♖c8 22.♗e2 ♗b4 23.♖d1 g6



23...♖fd8 24.♗e3 g6 25.c5 ♘f6 26.cxb6 ♘d5 27.b7 ♖b8 28.♖c1±

24.f5! gxf5 25.♗xh6 ♖fe8 26.♖d3

26.♔f1 ♔h7 27.♗e3 ♖g8 28.h4 Δ h5±

26...♔h7 27.♖h3 ♖h8

⌓27...♔g6 28.♗f4 ♔f6 29.♖g3 ♔e7 30.♗g5+ (30.h4 ♗d6±) 30...f6 31.♗e3 ♖g8 32.♗d3 ♗d6 33.f4 ♖xg3+ 34.hxg3 ♗b4±

28.♗f8+ ♔g8 29.♖xh8+ ♔xh8 30.♗xb4 axb4 31.♖xb4 ♖g8+ 32.♔f1 ♔g7 33.h4 ♔f6

33...♖c8 34.f4 ♖c6 35.♔f2 ♖d6 36.♔e3+-

34.c5 bxc5 35.♖b7 ♘b8 36.dxc5 ♘c6 37.♗b5 ♖c8 38.♗xc6 ♖xc6 39.♖b5 ♔e5 40.h5 ♖c8 41.a5 ♖h8 42.a6

42.♔e2 ♖xh5 43.♖b8 ♖h3 44.♖d8+-

42...♖xh5 43.♖a5 ♖h8 44.a7 ♖a8 45.♖a6 ♔d5 46.c6 ♔d6 47.♔e2 e5 48.♔d3 f4 49.♔e4 ♔e6 50.c7+ ♔d7 51.♖f6 ♔xc7 52.♖xf7+ ♔d6 53.♖f6+ ♔c5 54.♖a6 ♔b5 55.♖a1 ♔c6 56.♔xe5 f3 57.♔e4 ♔b7 58.♔xf3 ♖f8+ 59.♔e4 ♖e8+ 60.♔d5 ♔a8 61.f4 1-0

14. A20
Carlsen, Magnus (2864) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2678)
Zagreb (rapid) 153/14, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.g3 d5

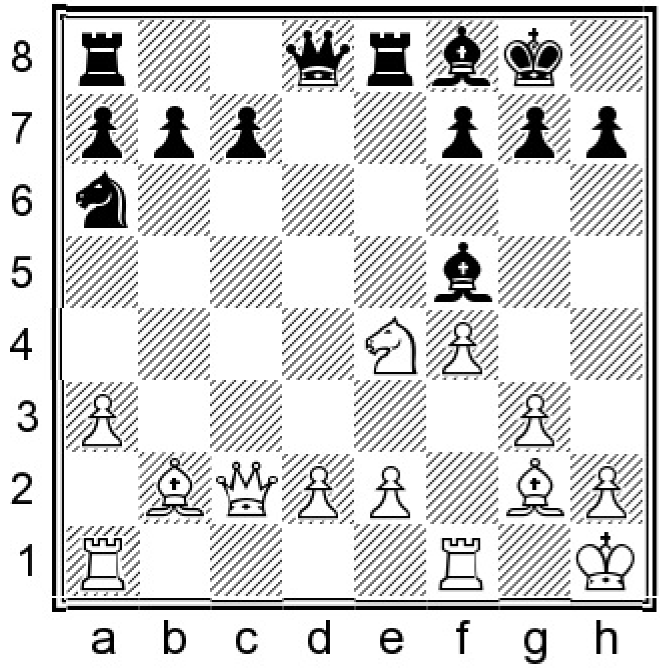
2...c6 - 152/11

3.cxd5 ♕xd5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕d8 6.♗g2 ♘f6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.b4 e4N

8...a6

9.♘g5 ♗xb4

9...♘xb4 10.♘gxe4 ♘xe4 11.♘xe4 O-O 12.♗b2 ♗e6 13.a3 ♘a6 14.♕c2 ♖e8 15.f4!? ♗d5 (15...♗f5 16.♔h1 ♗f8



17.g4! ♗xe4 (17...♗xg4 18.♘g5+-) 18.♗xe4→) 16.♖f2 h6 17.f5 f6 18.g4→

10.♘gxe4 ♘xe4

10...O-O 11.♗b2 ♗e7 12.♖c1 ♗f5 13.e3! ♘xe4 (13...♘b4 14.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 15.♗a3 c5 16.♗xb4 cxb4 17.♘d5 ♗d3 18.♖e1 a5 19.♕b3 ♗f5 20.d4±) 14.♘xe4 ♘b4 15.♕h5 ♗g6 16.♕e5 f6 17.♕xc7±

11.♘xe4 O-O 12.a3 ♗e7 13.♗b2→

13.♖b1 ♖b8 14.♗b2 ♗e6 15.d4 ♗d5 16.♕d3 f5 17.♘d2 ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 ♕d5+ 19.♕f3 ♕xf3+ 20.♘xf3±

13...♖e8

13...♗e6 14.♕c2 ♗d5 15.♕d3! ♔h8 16.♖ac1±

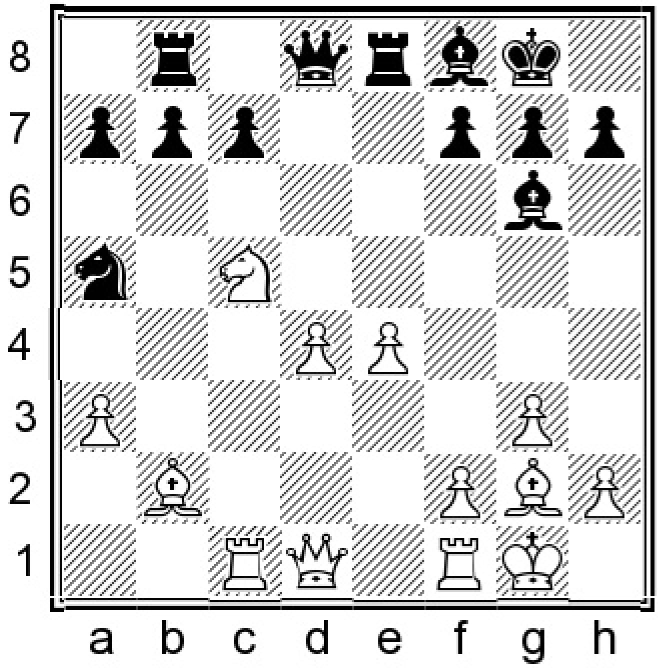
14.♖c1 ♗f8 15.e3 ♗f5 16.♘c5 ♖b8

16...♘a5 17.d4 c6 18.h4!? b6 19.♘d3±

17.d4 ♘a5 18.e4

18.♕a4 b6 19.♗c3±

18...♗g6



19.f4

19.h4! h5 (19...h6 20.♖e1 b5 21.h5 ♗h7 22.d5 ♘c4 23.♗d4 ♖c8 (23...♘xa3 24.♘a6 ♖c8 25.♖c6 ♘c4 26.♗c3 ♘e5 27.♗xe5 ♖xe5 28.♕d4±) 24.a4±) 20.f4→

19...b6 20.♘a6 ♗xe4 21.♗xe4 ♖xe4 22.♘xb8 ♕xb8 23.♖e1

23.♕f3 ♖e8 24.♖fe1 ♖d8 25.♔g2 b5 26.♗c3 ♘c4 27.♗b4±

23...♖xe1+ 24.♕xe1 ♕d8 25.♕c3 c6

25...♕e8 26.♕f3 ♕d7 27.♕e4±

26.♕f3 b5 27.d5! cxd5 28.♖d1

28.♗d4 a6 29.♗c5 ♘c4 30.♗xf8 ♔xf8 31.♖d1±

28...♘c4 29.♖xd5 ♕e7 30.♗d4 ♕e1+

30...a6 31.a4 bxa4 32.♗c5 ♕e1+ 33.♔g2 ♗xc5 34.♖xc5 ♕d2+ 35.♔h3 ♕d7+ 36.♕g4+-

31.♔g2 ♕e8 32.♗xa7+- ♗xa3 33.♗f2 ♗f8 34.♕d3 ♕a8

34...♕c6 35.♔g1 b4 36.♖d4 ♘a5 37.♖d7 b3 38.♕d5 ♕xd5 39.♖xd5 b2 40.♖b5 ♘c4 41.♗d4

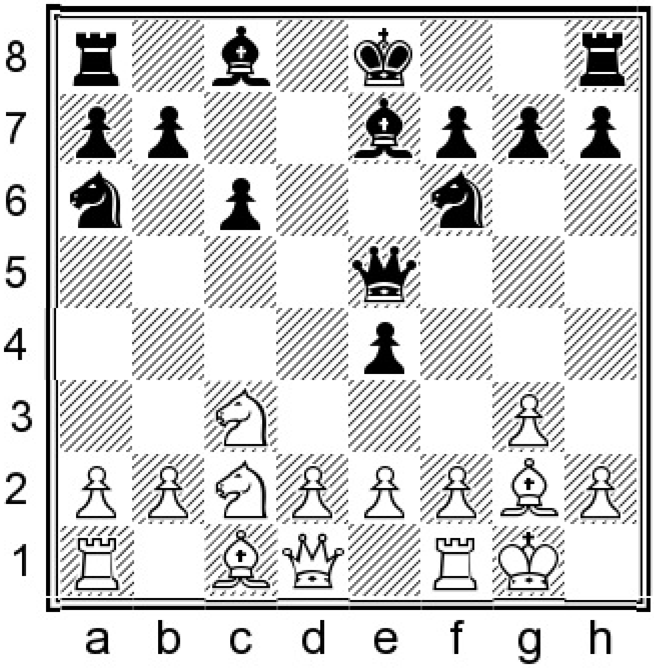
35.♔h3 ♕c8+ 36.f5 ♗e7 37.♖xb5 h5

37...g6 38.g4 ♘d6 39.♖c5 ♕f8 40.♖a5 ♕h6+ 41.♔g2

38.♖d5 g5 39.♔g2 ♕c6 40.♔g1 ♗d6 41.♖d4 ♘e5 42.♖xd6 ♘f3+ 43.♔h1 1-0

15. * A20**
Lagarde, Maxime (2628) - Alekseenko, Kirill (2701)
France 153/15, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.♘f3 e4 4.♘d4 d5 5.cxd5 ♕xd5 6.♘c2 ♘f6 7.♘c3 ♕e5 8.♗g2 ♘a6 9.O-O ♗e7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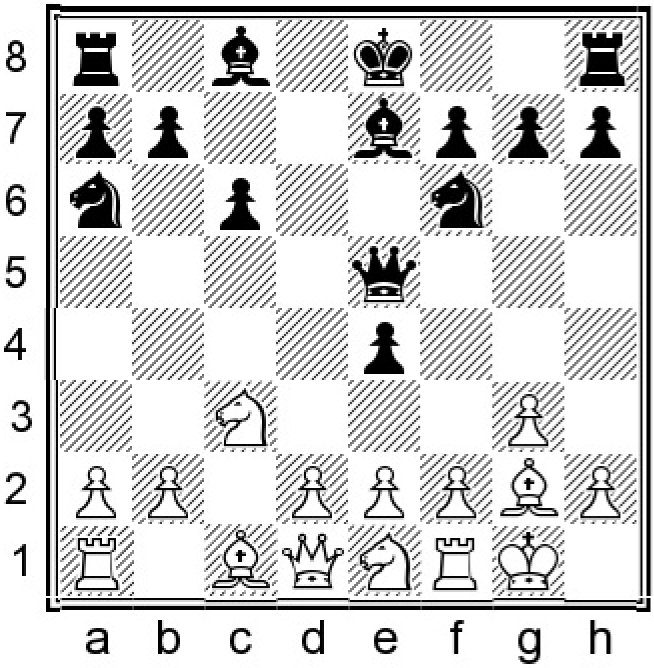
10.♘e1!?N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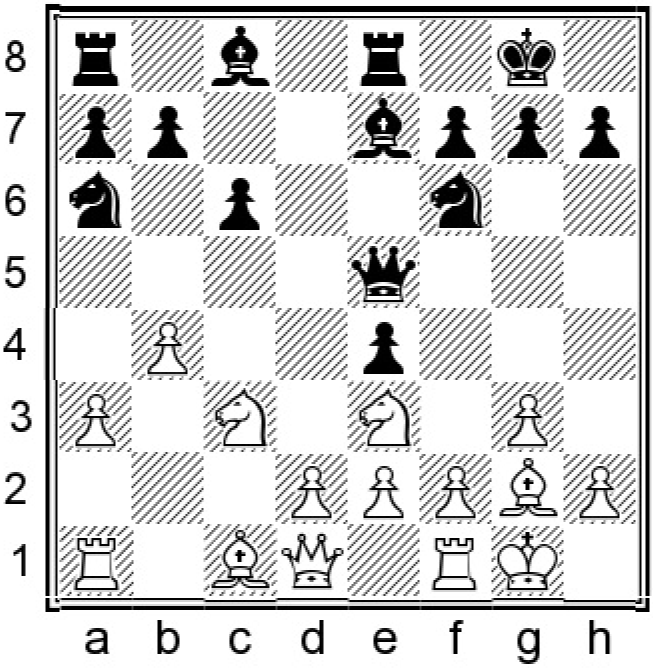
10.♘e3 - 153/(15) 10...O-O (10...h5 - 144/3) 11.a3 ♖e8 12.b4



12...♘g4N (12...c5) 13.♗b2 (13.♗xe4!? ♘c7 14.♘xg4 (14.♗b2 ♕h5 15.h4 ♗xh4 16.gxh4 ♕xh4 17.♘xg4 ♗xg4 18.♗g2 ♗h3 19.f3 ♗xg2 20.♔xg2 ♖e6 21.♖g1 ♖g6+ 22.♔f1 ♖d8 23.♖xg6 hxg6 24.d3 ♖e8= 25.♔g2 ♕g5+ 26.♔f1 ♕h4=) 14...♗xg4 15.♗b2 ♕h5 16.f3 ♗h3 17.♖f2 ♘e6 18.f4 ♖ed8 19.e3 ♕xd1+ 20.♖xd1 a5!=∞) 13...♕h5 (13...♘c7) 14.h4 ♗f6 15.♕c2 ♘xe3 16.dxe3 ♗f5 17.♘a4 ♗xb2 18.♘xb2 ♘c7 19.♘c4 ♖e6→ Ding,L (2806) -Nepomniachtchi,I (2766) Madrid (ct) 153/(15) 2022

10.♘xe4 - 149/7

10...O-ON

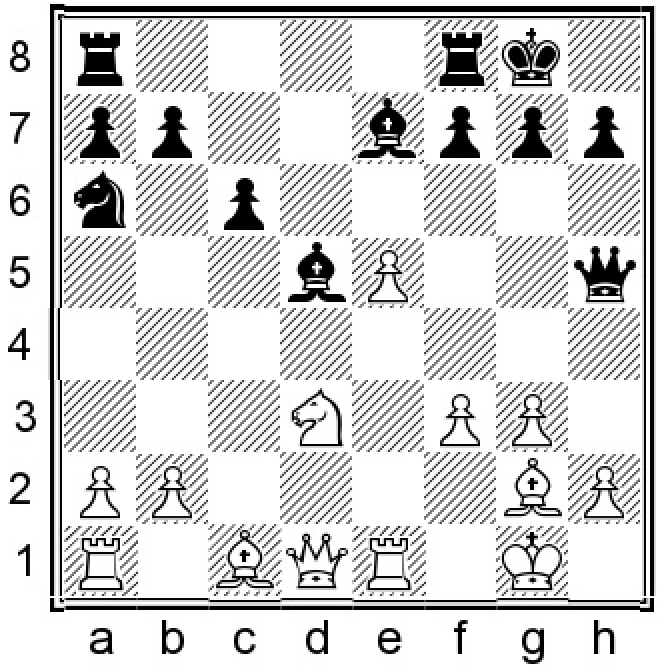
10...♘b4!? - 153/(15) 11.f3 exf3 12.♘xf3 ♕h5 13.d4 ♘bd5 14.e4 ♘xc3 15.bxc3 ♘xe4 16.♖e1 f5 17.♕b3 ♕f7 18.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 19.♘e5+ ♔g8 20.♗xe4 fxe4 21.♖xe4 ♗f5 22.♖e1 ♗f6 23.♘c4 b6=∞ Giri,A (2772)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2612) Wijk aan Zee 153/(15) 2022

11.d4 exd3 12.♘xd3 ♕h5 13.e4 ♗g4 14.f3

14.♕e1 ♖ad8 15.♘f4 ♕e5 16.h3 ♗c8 17.♗e3 ♘c5 18.♖d1 b6!=

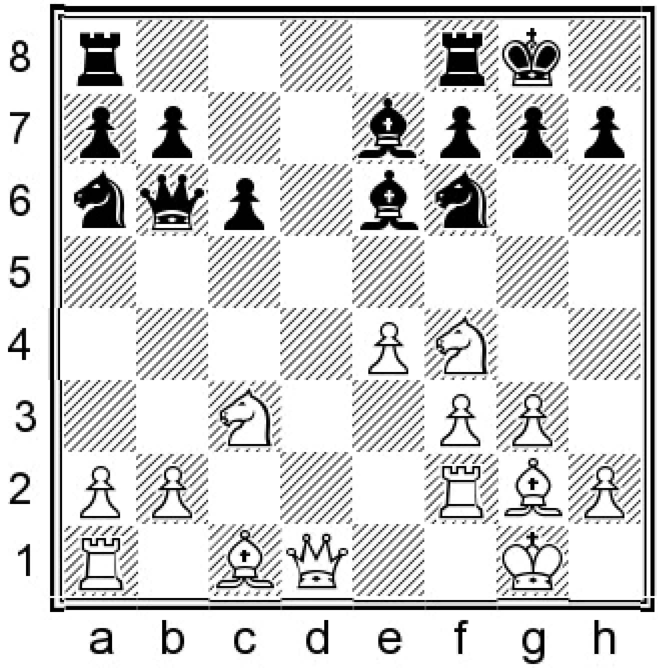
14...♗e6 15.♘f4

15.e5 ♘d5 16.♘xd5 ♗xd5 17.♖e1



17...g5!? 18.f4 ♕xd1 19.♖xd1 ♖fd8⇄

15...♕c5+ 16.♖f2 ♕b6



17.♘a4 ♕c7

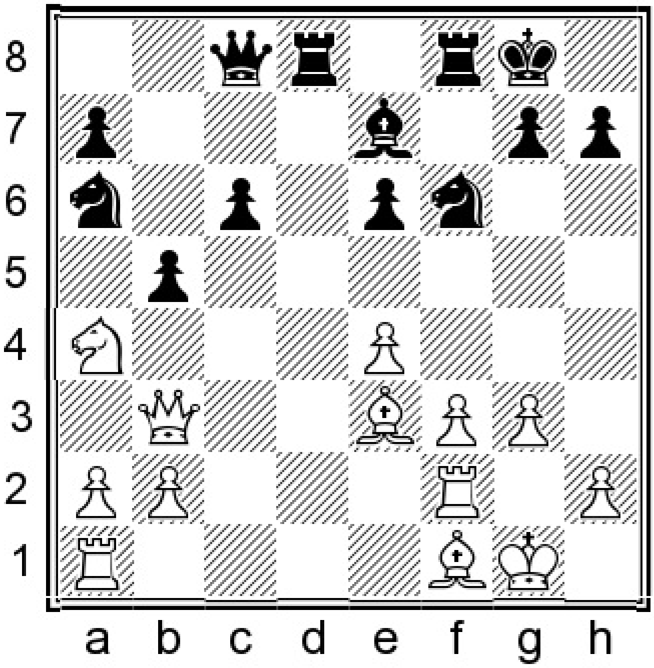
17...♕d8N 18.♕e2 (18.♖d2!?) 18...♕d4 19.♘xe6 fxe6 20.♘c3 ♗c5 21.♘d1 ♘g4 22.fxg4 ♖xf2 23.♘xf2 ♖f8 24.♗f4 e5 25.♖d1 ♕xf2+ 26.♕xf2 ♗xf2+ 27.♔xf2 exf4 28.e5± Tabatabaei,M (2650)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2640) Jermuk 153/(15) 2022

18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.♗e3 b5 20.♗f1

20.♕e2 ♖ad8 21.♗h3! ♔h8 22.a3 (22.♗xe6? ♕a5! 23.♘c3 ♘c5 24.♗h3 b4 25.♘d1 ♘b3 26.♖b1 ♕xa2

27.♕c2 ♘a1 28.♕c1 ♘b3 29.♕c2 ♘a1=) 22...♕b7 (22...♘d7?! 23.b4 ♗f6 24.♘b2 ♘b6 25.♖c1±) 23.♘c3±

20...♖ad8 21.♕b3 ♕c8



22.♖c1?

22.♘c3! ♘c5 23.♕c2 a5 24.♖c1 ♘a6 25.a3±

22...bxa4 23.♕xa4 ♘b4 24.a3 ♘d3 25.♖xc6 ♕b7-+ 26.♗xd3

26.♖fc2 ♘e5

26...♖xd3 27.♗f4 ♗d8 28.♔g2

28.♖xe6 ♕f7 29.♖c6 ♗b6

28...♗b6 29.♖fc2 ♘h5 30.♗d6 ♕f7 31.f4 ♖xd6 32.♖xd6 ♘xf4+ 33.gxf4 ♕xf4 0-1

16. A20
Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2677) - Lobanov, Sergei (2531)
Turkiye 153/16, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.d4 e4 4.d5 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♕e7 6.e3

6.♘c3 - 152/11

6...♘f6 7.♘c3N

7.a3

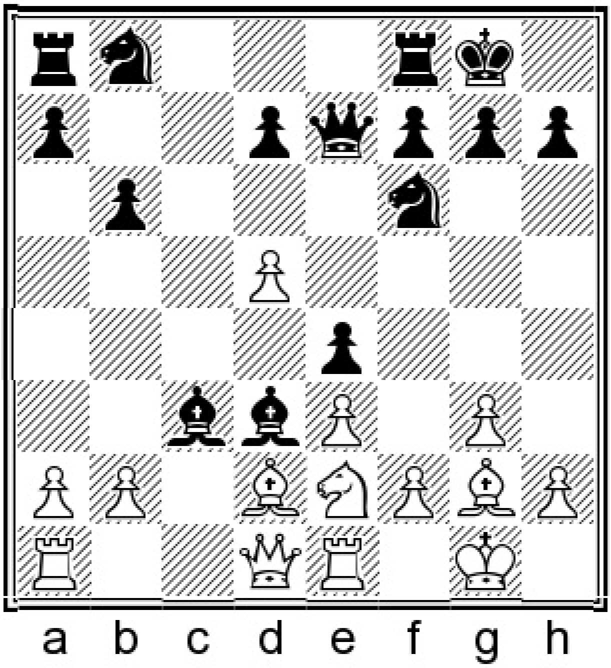
7...cxd5 8.cxd5 O-O 9.♗g2 b6

9...♗xc3 10.♗xc3 d6 (10...b6?! 11.d6 ♕d8 12.♘e2 ♗a6 13.g4!? ♗b7 (13...♘xg4? 14.♘g3 ♕h4 15.♕d4 ♘f6 16.♘xe4+-) 14.♘g3±) 11.♘e2 ♘bd7 12.O-O ♘e5 13.h3 ♗d7 14.♗xe5 ♕xe5 15.♘c3 (15.♕d4 ♕xd4 16.♘xd4 ♖fe8 17.♖fd1 ♖ac8 18.♖d2 ♖c5 19.♘b3 ♖c7= (19...♖xd5 20.♖xd5 ♘xd5 21.♘a5 b6 22.♘b7 f5 23.♘xd6 ♖e5 24.♖c1 ♔f8=)) 15...h5!?⇄

10.♘ge2 ♗a6?!

10...♗b7 11.O-O ♗xc3 12.d6! ♕xd6 13.♗xc3 ♕e7 14.♘d4=∞

11.O-O ♗d3 12.♖e1 ♗xc3



13.d6!

13.♗xc3?! ♘xd5 14.♕b3 ♘xc3 15.♘xc3 ♘a6∓

13...♕xd6 14.♗xc3± ♘c6

14...♖e8 15.♘f4 ♘c6 16.♗xf6 ♕xf6 17.♘xd3 exd3 18.♕xd3 ♘e5 (18...♕xb2 19.♕xd7 ♘e5 20.♕d4!+-) 19.♕e2±

15.♘f4 ♖ad8

15...♘d5 16.♗xg7! ♔xg7 17.♘xd3 exd3 18.♕xd3 ♘cb4 19.♕d4+ ♕f6 20.♖ad1 ♘c2 21.♕g4+ ♕g6 22.♕xg6+ hxg6 23.♗xd5 ♘xe1 24.♗xa8 ♖xa8 25.♖xe1 ♖c8 26.♖d1 ♖c7 27.♖d3! ♔f6 28.♖c3+-

16.♘xd3 exd3 17.♕d2 ♖fe8

17...b5 18.♖ad1 b4 19.♗xf6 ♕xf6 20.♕xd3± ♕xb2? 21.♗xc6+-

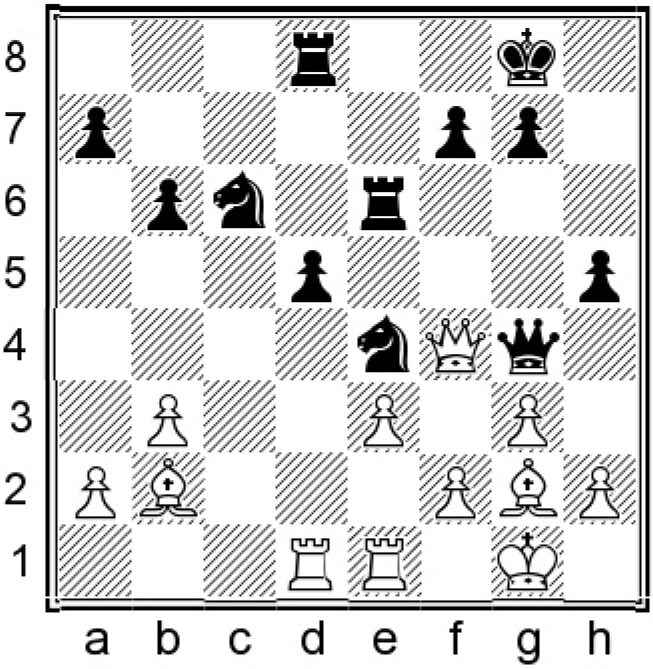
18.♖ad1 ♘e4 19.♕xd3 ♕e6 20.b3

20.♕xe4 ♕xe4 21.♗xe4 ♖xe4 22.♖d2 d5 23.b3 ♖e6 24.♖c1±

20...d5 21.♗b2 h5 22.♕e2 ♕g6

22...♕f5 23.♕f3 ♕g4 24.h3 ♕g6 25.♕f4 f6 26.♖e2±

23.♕f3 ♖e6 24.♕f4 ♕g4



25.♕c7?!

25.♖c1! ♕xf4 26.exf4 ♘b4 27.♖cd1 f5 28.a3 ♘c6 29.b4± d4? 30.b5 ♘a5 31.♖xd4+-

25...♕f5 26.f3?!

26.♕f4±

26...♘c5

26...♘f2! 27.♖c1 ♘d3 28.♖xc6 ♖ee8!⇄ Δ 29.♖e2?! ♖d7 30.e4 dxe4 31.fxe4 ♕g4 32.♗f3 ♖xc7 33.♗xg4 ♖xc6∓

27.e4 ♕g6 28.♗h3 ♖e7 29.♕f4 d4 30.♖e2 ♕d6?

30...♘e6 31.♕f5 d3 32.♖ed2 ♕h6! 33.♖xd3 ♖xd3 34.♖xd3 ♘b4⩱

31.♖ed2± d3 32.♕xd6 ♖xd6 33.♔f2 a5

33...g5 34.♔e3 g4 35.♗f1 gxf3 36.♗xd3±

34.♗f1 ♘b4 35.♗a3! ♖a7 36.♔e3 f6

⌓36...♖d8 37.♗xb4 axb4 38.♗xd3 ♘xd3 39.♖xd3 ♖xd3+ 40.♔xd3 ♖xa2 41.♖d2 ♖a1 42.♔c4±

37.h4 ♔f7 38.♗xb4 axb4 39.♗xd3 ♘xd3 40.♖xd3 ♖xd3+ 41.♖xd3+- ♖xa2 42.♖d7+ ♔g6 43.♖d4 ♖g2 44.♔f4 ♔h6 45.♖d6 ♖b2 46.e5 ♔g6

46...♖xb3 47.exf6 gxf6 48.♖xf6+ ♔g7 49.♖xb6

47.e6 ♖e2 48.♖xb6 ♖e1 49.g4 ♖e2 50.gxh5+ ♚xh5 51.♖b5+ ♔g6 52.h5+ ♔h6

52...♔h6 53.♔f5 ♔xh5 54.f4 ♔h4 55.♖xb4 ♖e3 56.♖b7 g5 57.e7

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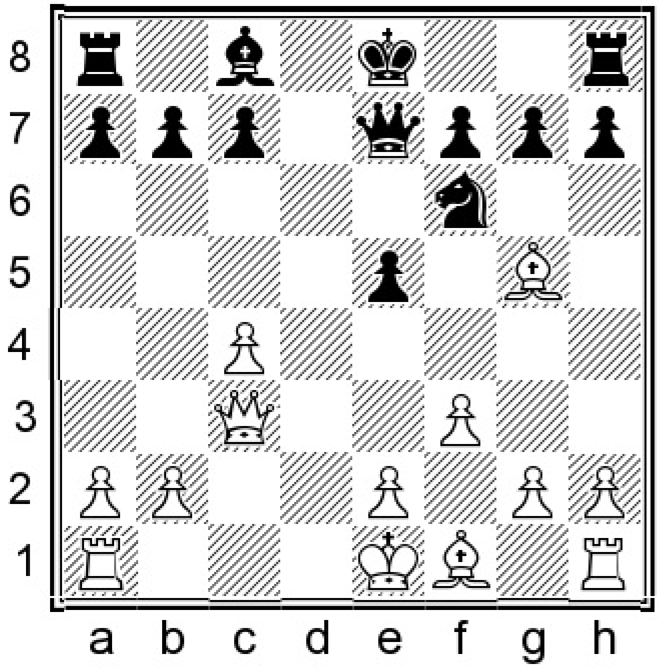
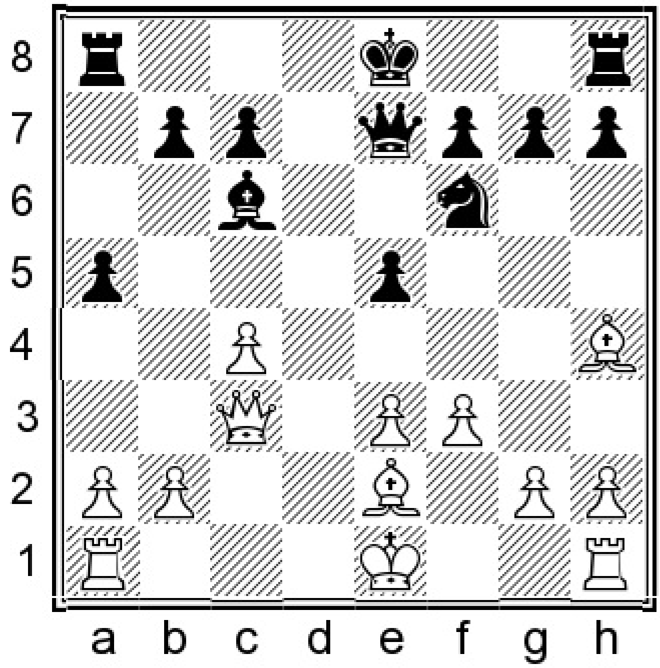
17. * A21
Yakubboev, Nodirbek (2620) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2680)
Abu Dhabi 153/17, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♗b4 3.♘d5 ♗e7 4.♘f3

4.d4 exd4 5.♕xd4 ♘f6 6.♘xe7 ♕xe7 7.♗g5 ♘c6 8.♕c3 ♘e5 9.♘f3 d6 10.♘xe5 (10.e3 - 140/(8)) 10...dxe5 11.f3



11...♗d7N (11...a5) 12.e3 (12.e4? ♘xe4 13.♗xe7 ♘xc3 14.♗a3 ♘a4 15.c5 b6∓) 12...♗c6 13.♗h4 (13.♗d3 O-O 14.O-O h6 15.♗h4 g5 16.♗g3 e4 17.♗c2 exf3 18.gxf3 ♘h5⇄) 13...a5 14.♗e2



14...♘e4! 15.♗xe7 ♘xc3 16.♗a3 ♘xe2 17.♔xe2 f6= Niemann,H (2697)-Aronian,L (2775) Miami (m/3-rapid) 153/(17) 2022

4...d6 5.d4 ♘f6 6.♘c3 exd4 7.♘xd4 d5 8.♗f4 c6N

8...♘h5 - 150/8

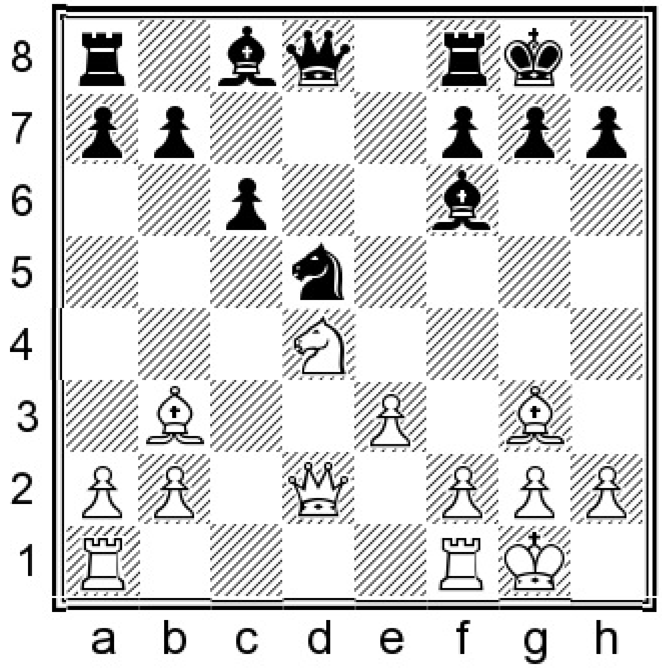
9.e3 O-O 10.♗e2 dxc4

10...♘a6 11.O-O ♘c5 12.h3 ♘e6 13.♗e5 ♘xd4 14.♕xd4 dxc4 15.♗xc4± (15.♕xc4!? ♘d7 16.♗f4 ♘b6 17.♕e4 ♗e6 18.♖fd1 ♕c8 19.♕c2±)

11.♗xc4 ♘bd7 12.O-O ♘b6

12...♗b4 13.h3 ♘b6 14.♗b3 ♖e8 15.♖c1±

13.♗b3 ♘bd5 14.♘xd5 ♘xd5 15.♗g3 ♗f6 16.♕d2



16.♖c1 a5 17.a3 ♖e8 18.h3 h6 19.♕d3±

16...♘e7

16...a5! 17.a3 ♘e7 18.♖ad1 ♘f5 19.♘xf5 ♗xf5⇄ 20.♕e2?! ♕b6!∓

17.♖ad1 ♘f5 18.♘xf5 ♗xf5 19.♕e2 ♕e8

19...♕b6 20.e4 ♖fe8 21.e5±

20.♗d6 ♗e7 21.♕f3

21.♗e5!? ♗b4 22.♗g3 a5 23.a3 ♗c5 24.♖c1 ♕e7 25.♕f3 ♗g6 26.h4±

21...♗xd6 22.♖xd6 ♕e5 23.♖fd1 ♖ae8 24.♖1d2 ♗e4 25.♕g3 ♕xg3 26.hxg3 ♗f5 27.♖2d4 h5 28.♔f1 ♖e5 29.♔e2 ♖fe8

29...♖b5=

30.♖d8 ♔f8 31.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 32.f3 ♖b5 33.♖d2 ♔e7 34.e4 ♗e6 35.♗xe6 ♔xe6 36.f4

36.♔e3 a5 37.b3 ♖c5∓

36...♖b4

36...♖c5 37.♔f3 ♖c1 38.f5+ ♔f6 39.g4 h4 40.♖d7 g5 41.e5+ ♔xe5 42.♖xf7 ♖f1+ 43.♔e3 ♖f4=

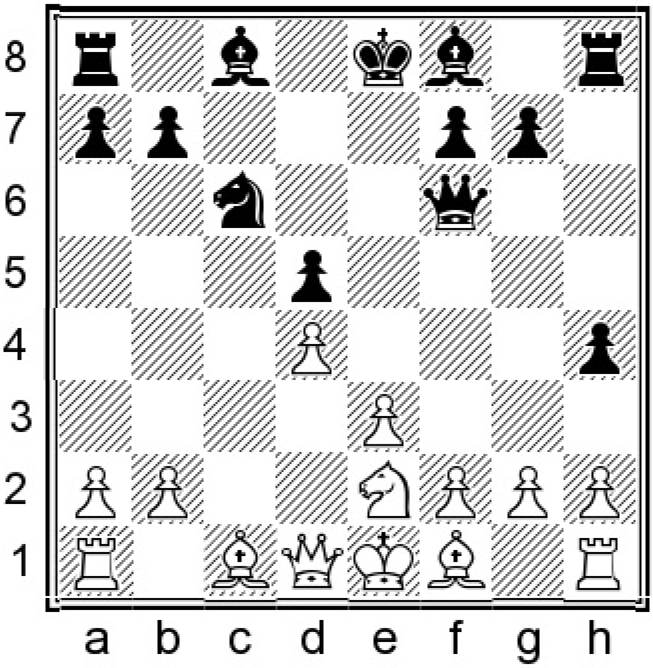
37.♔f3 a5 38.e5 ♔f5 39.♖d7 ♔e6 1/2-1/2

18. * A22
Aronian, Levon (2775) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2661)
Miami (m/4-rapid) 153/18, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 e4 4.♘g5 c6 5.♘gxe4 ♘xe4 6.♘xe4 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.♘g3 h5 9.e3 h4 10.♘e2

10.♗b5+ - 152/16

10...♘c6 11.d4 ♕f6



12.♗d2N

12.♘c3 - 153/(18)

12...♗d6

12...♗f5!? 13.♘c3 ♕g6 14.♕b3 ♗b4 15.f3 h3 16.g4 ♗c2 17.♕xd5 ♖d8⇄

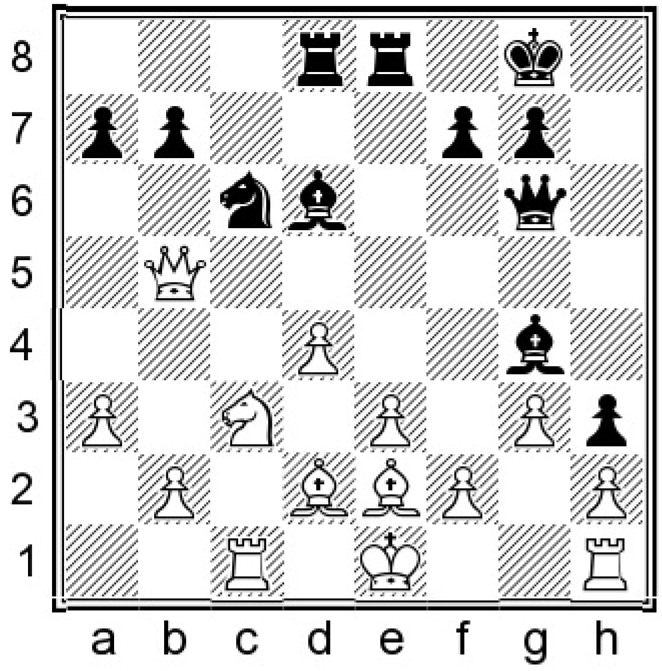
13.a3 ♗f5 14.♖c1

14.♘c3 ♕g6 15.♕b3 (15.♖c1 O-O 16.♕f3 ♗g4 17.♕xd5 ♖ad8 18.h3 ♗g3 19.♕e4 ♗f5 20.♕f3 ♖fe8 21.♗e2 ♗b8 22.♕h5 (22.O-O ♕d6 23.g3 ♗xh3→) 22...♕xh5 23.♗xh5 ♘xd4⩱ Aronian,L (2775)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2661) Miami (m/2-rapid) 153/(18) 2022) 15...O-O 16.♕xd5 ♖ad8 17.♕f3 ♗b8→

14...♖d8 15.♘c3 ♕g6⩱ 16.♕f3 h3! 17.g3 ♗g4! 18.♕xd5 O-O 19.♕b5

19.♕e4 ♗f5 20.♕f3 ♗g4=

19...♖fe8 20.♗e2



20...♘xd4! 21.exd4 ♖xe2+ 22.♘xe2 ♕e4 23.♗g5

23.♗e3! ♕xh1+ 24.♔d2 ♕f3 25.♘c3 ♗b8→

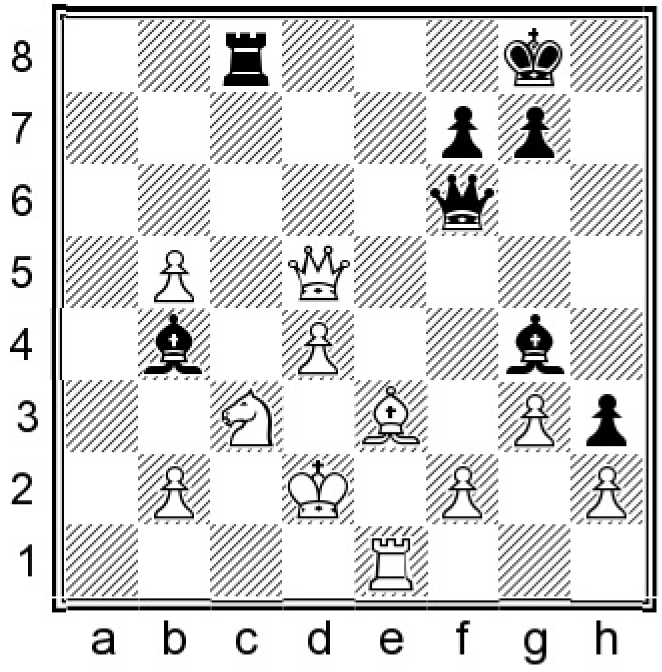
23...♖e8 24.♗e3 a6 25.♕a4 b5 26.♕xa6 ♕xh1+?

26...♕f3! 27.♕xb5 ♖xe3 28.fxe3 ♕xh1+ 29.♔d2 ♕xh2-+

27.♔d2 ♕f3 28.♖e1 ♕f6 29.♘c3 ♕e6 30.♕c6 ♖c8 31.♕d5 b4

31...♕e7 32.♗f4 ♗xf4+ 33.gxf4 ♗e6 34.♕xb5 ♕h4-+

32.axb4 ♕f6 33.b5 ♗b4



34.♖a1

34.♕g5! ♕f3 35.♕f4±

34...♗f3 35.♕b3

35.♕d7 ♖d8 36.♕c7 ♖d5 37.♕c8+ ♔h7 38.♖a6±

35...♗f8 36.b6 ♗b7 37.d5 ♗c5 38.♖e1 ♗xe3+ 39.fxe3 ♗a6 40.♕c2?

40.♔c1 ♕f2 41.♔b1+-

40...♕xb6 41.♔c1 ♗c4 42.♖d1?!

42.♕e4 ♕a5 43.♖d1 ♗b3 44.♖d2 ♖xc3+!? 45.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 46.♖c2 ♗xc2 47.♕xc2 ♕xe3+ 48.♔b2 ♕e5+ 49.♔a3 ♕xd5 50.♕c8+ ♔h7 51.♕xh3+=

42...♗b3-+ 43.♕f2 ♕a5 44.♔d2 ♖xc3 0-1

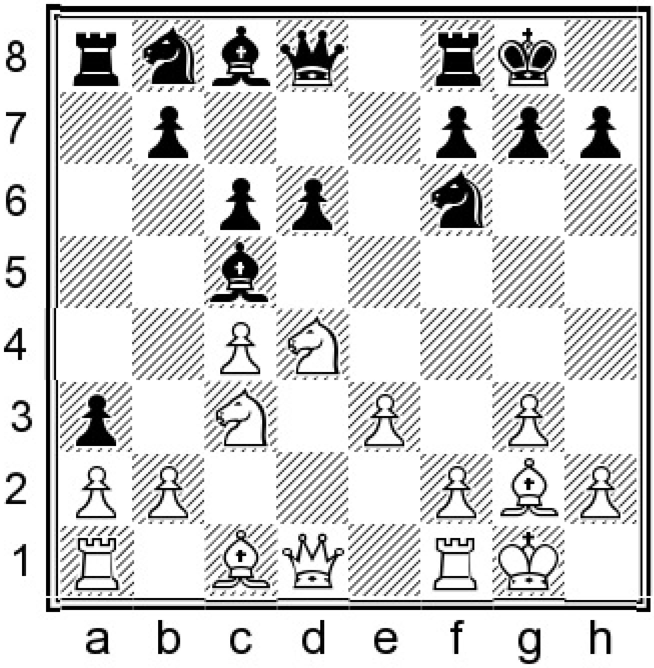
19. * A23
Ding, Liren (2806) - Firouzja, Alireza (2793)
Madrid (ct) 153/19, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 ♗c5 4.d3 O-O 5.♘c3 c6 6.♘f3 d6 7.O-O a5

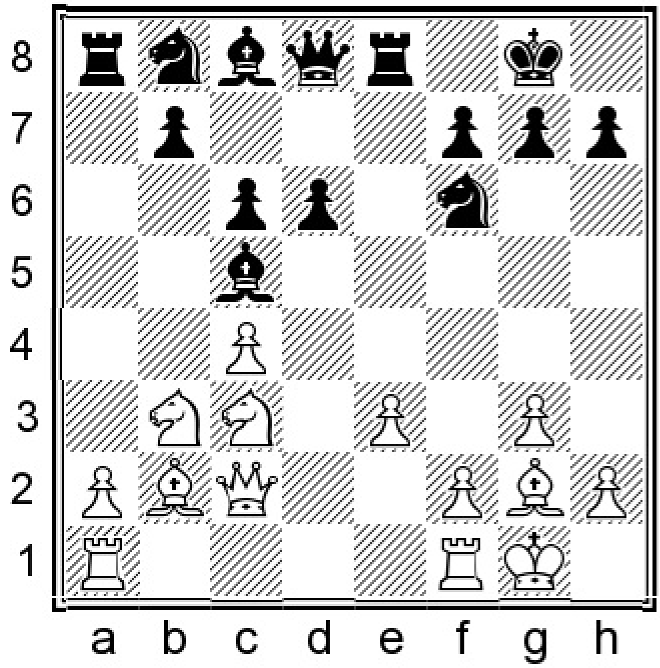
7...♖e8 - 144/5

8.d4 exd4 9.♘xd4 a4 10.♖b1

10.e3!? a3



11.♕c2N (11.♘a4) 11...♖e8 12.♘b3 axb2 13.♗xb2



13...♗e6?! (13...♗a3!? 14.♗xa3 ♖xa3 15.♖fd1 ♕e7 16.♕d3 ♖d8 17.e4 ♗g4 18.f3 ♗e6∞) 14.♘xc5 dxc5 15.♘e2! (15.♖fb1!?) 15...♘bd7 16.♘f4 ♕e7 17.a4 ♖a6 18.♖fb1 ♖ea8 19.♗c3 ♖6a7 20.a5± Carlsen,M (2864)-Firouzja,A (2778) Miami (m/5-blitz) 153/(19) 2022

10...♕a5N

10...♖e8

11.♘c2 ♗f5 12.♗d2 ♘bd7 13.♖c1

13.b4 axb3 14.axb3 ♕c7=

13...♕a7

13...♖fe8!? 14.♘e4 ♕d8 15.♘xc5 dxc5∞

14.b3 axb3 15.axb3 ♖fe8 16.♘a4 ♗e4

16...h5!?=

17.♗c3 ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 d5 19.♘xc5 ♕xc5 20.♘e3

20.♗d4!? ♕e7 21.♘e3 dxc4 22.bxc4 ♕e6 23.♕c2 ♘g4=

20...dxc4 21.bxc4 ♕h5

21...♕g5!? 22.♕d6 ♕g6 23.♖a1 ♘d5 24.♖xa8 ♖xa8 25.♕xd7 ♕e4+ 26.♔h3 ♘xc3=

22.h3

22.♖c2!? ♖e7 23.♖b2 ♖ae8 24.♖xb7 ♖xe3 25.♗xf6 ♘xf6 26.fxe3 ♘g4 27.♖e7 f6! 28.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 29.♖f3 ♘xe3+ 30.♖xe3 ♕xe3=

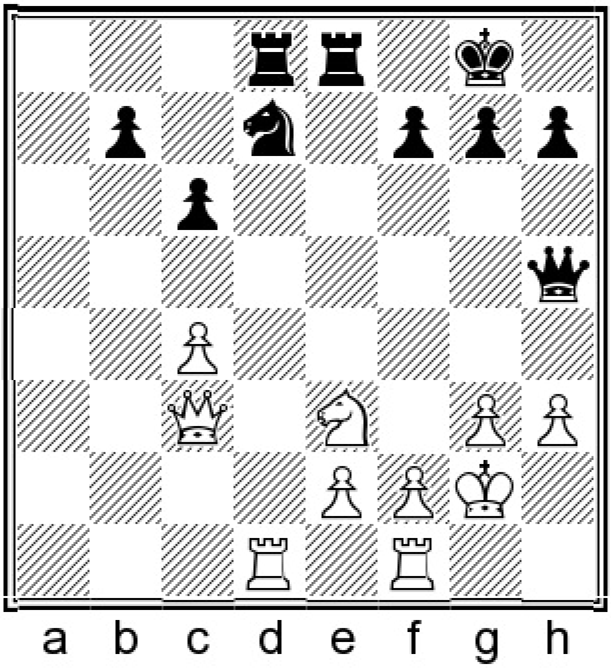
22...♖ad8 23.♕c2 ♘e4 24.♖cd1

24.♖fd1 f5 25.♖d4 ♘dc5=

24...♘xc3

24...♕g6!? 25.♖d4 ♘dc5 26.♖xd8 ♖xd8 27.♖d1 ♖e8 28.♗b4 ♘e6 29.♗e1 h5 30.h4 ♘6c5=; 24...f5!? 25.♖d4 ♘dc5 26.♖fd1 ♖xd4 27.♗xd4 ♘e6=

25.♕xc3



25...♘f6

25...♘f8!? 26.♖xd8 ♖xd8 27.♕b2 b5 28.♖b1 bxc4 29.♖c1=

26.♕b2 b5

26...♖b8!?∞

27.g4

27.♖xd8!? ♖xd8 28.♖b1 bxc4 29.♕c2 c3 30.♖b3 ♘d5 31.♘xd5 ♕xd5+ 32.e4 ♕e6 33.♖xc3 ♖d6=

27...♕c5 28.cxb5 ♕xb5

28...cxb5=

29.♕xb5 cxb5 30.♖xd8 ♖xd8 31.♖b1

31.♖c1 g6 32.♖c6 ♘d5 33.♘xd5 ♖xd5=

31...♖b8

31...♘d5 32.♖xb5 ♘xe3+ 33.fxe3 g6=

32.♖b4 ♘e8

32...♔f8=

33.♘d5 f6 34.e4

34.♔f3 ♘d6 35.♔e3 ♔f7=

34...♔f7 35.f4 ♚e6 36.♔f3 ♚d6 37.♖b1 ♘c7 38.♘b4

38.♘xc7 ♔xc7=

38...♖a8 39.e5+!?

39.♖d1+ ♔c5 40.♖c1+ ♔b6 41.♖c6+ ♔b7 42.♖d6 ♖a3+ 43.♔f2 ♔c8 44.♘d3 ♖a6 45.♖xa6 ♘xa6=

39...fxe5 40.♖d1+ ♔e7

40...♔c5 41.♘d3+ ♔d6=

41.♘c6+ ♚e6 42.fxe5

42.f5+ ♔f6 43.♔g3=

42...♖a3+ 43.♔e4 ♖a4+ 44.♘d4+

44.♖d4 ♖xd4+ 45.♘xd4+ ♔d7=

44...♔e7 45.♔d3 ♘e6 46.♘f5+ ♔f8 47.♖c1 ♘f4+ 48.♔d2 ♖c4

48...g6

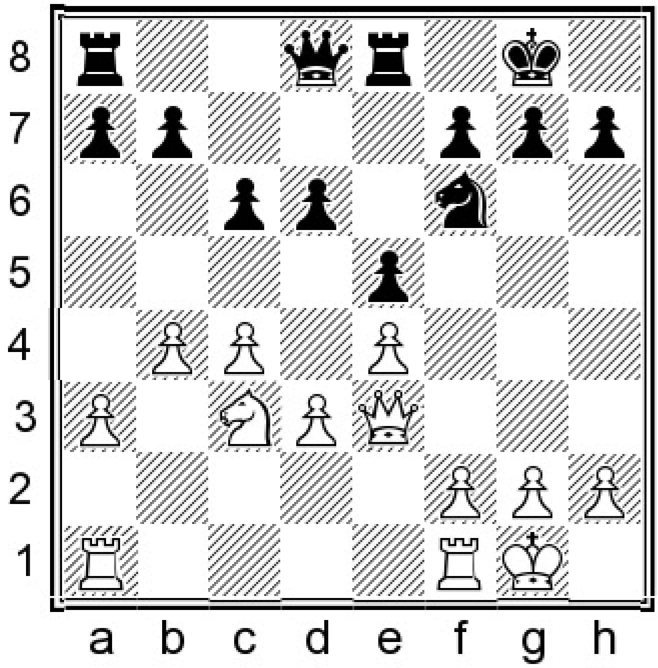
49.♖f1 g5 50.h4 ♘e6 51.hxg5 ♖xg4 52.♘d6+ ♖f4 53.♖xf4+ ♘xf4 54.♘xb5 1/2-1/2

A25-A49

20. * A28
Kozak, Adam (2522) - Shevchenko, Kirill (2642)
Turkiye 153/20, 2022

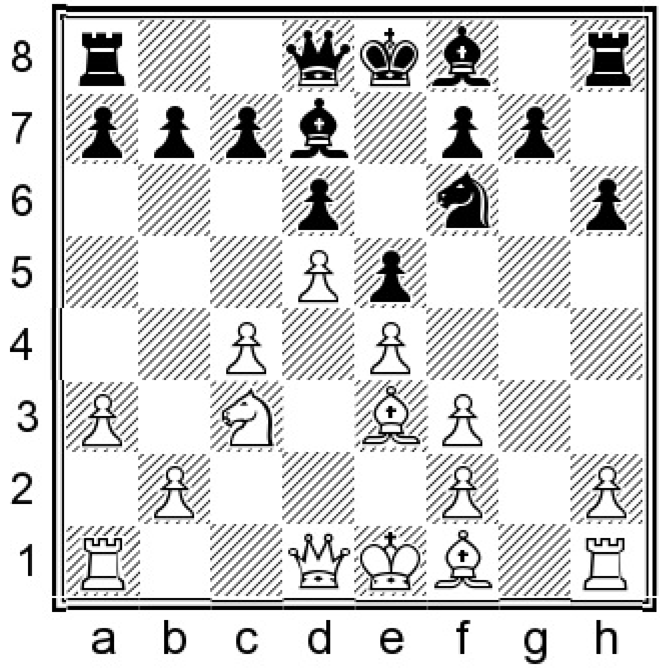
1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.e4 h6

4...♗b4 5.d3 d6 6.a3 ♗c5 7.b4 ♗b6 8.♗e3 (8.♘a4 - 148/(6)) 8...♗g4 9.♗e2 ♗xf3 10.♗xf3 ♘d4 11.O-O O-O 12.♘a4 ♘xf3+ 13.♕xf3 ♗xe3 14.♕xe3 ♖e8 15.♘c3 c6



16.♖fd1N (16.f4) 16...d5 (16...a5!? 17.b5 d5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.d4 ♘xe4 20.♘xe4 exd4 21.♖xd4 ♖xe4=) 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.d4 ♘xe4 19.♘xe4 exd4 20.♖xd4 ♖xe4 21.♖xe4 dxe4 22.♕xe4 ♕d7= Kozak,A (2522)-Esipenko,A (2642) Turkiye 153/(20) 2022

5.a3 d6 6.d4 ♗g4 7.d5 ♘d4 8.♗e3 ♘xf3+ 9.gxf3 ♗d7



10.♕b3N

10.b4

10...b6 11.♘e2

11.O-O-O ♘h5 12.h4 ♗e7 13.♗h3 ♗xh3 14.♖xh3 O-O 15.♘a2 a5 16.♖g1 ♘f4⇄ (16...♔h8 17.♘c3 f5⇄)

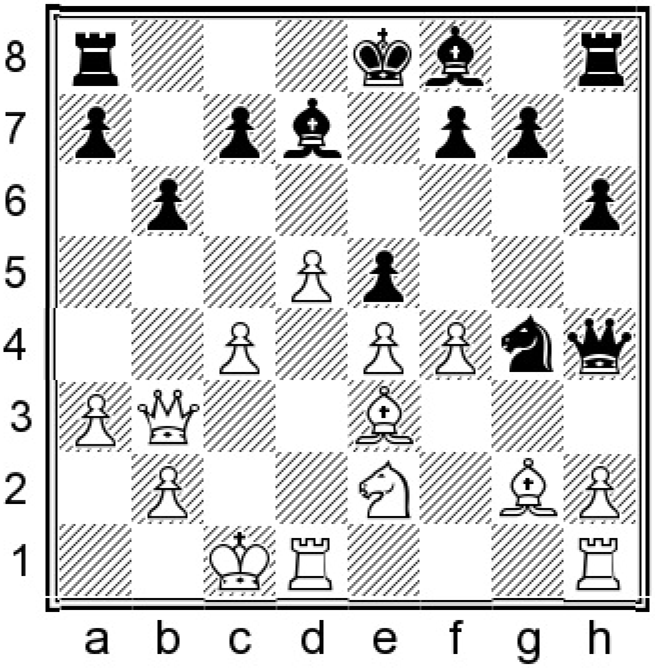
11...♘h5 12.f4 ♕h4 13.fxe5 dxe5∓ 14.♗g2

14.♖g1 ♘f6 (14...♕xe4? 15.d6! ♕f5 16.dxc7 ♗d6 17.O-O-O ♗xc7 18.♘c3 O-O 19.♘d5 ♗d8 20.♗xh6 ♕xf2 21.♗d3 ♕h4 22.♔b1→) 15.♘g3 ♘g4∓

14...♘f6 15.O-O-O ♘g4!

15...♘xe4 16.f4 ♘c5 17.♕c3 exf4 18.♗xf4 O-O-O→

16.f4



16...♘xe3

16...♗d6! 17.f5 ♘xe3 18.♕xe3 ♕g5 19.♕xg5 hxg5 20.♗f3 ♔e7∓

17.♕xe3 ♗d6 18.♕g3 ♕xg3 19.hxg3 ♗g4! 20.♖de1 O-O 21.♖hf1?!

21.f5 ♗xe2 22.♖xe2 ♗e7 23.♔b1 a5 24.a4 ♖ad8 25.♔c2 ♗c5 26.g4 ♖d6⇄

21...♖ae8

21...f5! 22.fxe5 ♗xe5 23.exf5 ♖ae8 24.♗e4 ♗xb2+ 25.♔xb2 ♖xe4∓

22.♘c3?

22.f5! g6 23.♘c3 a5 24.♔c2 gxf5 25.exf5 f6 26.♗e4 ♔f7 27.♖h1 h5=

22...f5! 23.♘b5

23.exf5 exf4 24.♖xe8 ♖xe8 25.gxf4 ♗xf5 26.♔d2 h5∓

23...exf4 24.♘xd6 cxd6 25.♖xf4 g5 26.♖f2 fxe4 27.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 28.♔d2 ♔g7-+ 29.♗xe4

29.♔e3 ♗f3

29...h5 30.b4 ♖e5 31.a4

31.c5 dxc5 32.d6 ♔f6

31...a5! 32.bxa5 bxa5 33.♖e3

33.c5 dxc5 34.d6 ♗d7

33...♔f6 34.♔d3 ♗f5 35.♗xf5 ♖xe3+ 36.♔xe3 ♔xf5 37.♔d4 h4 38.g4+ ♔f6 39.c5

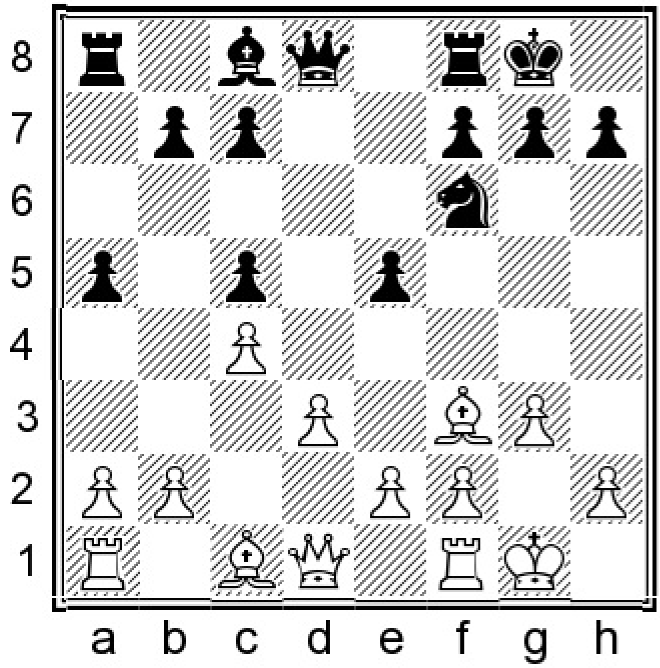
39.♔e4 h3 40.♔f3 ♔e5 41.♔g3 ♔d4

39...dxc5+ 40.♔xc5 h3 0-1

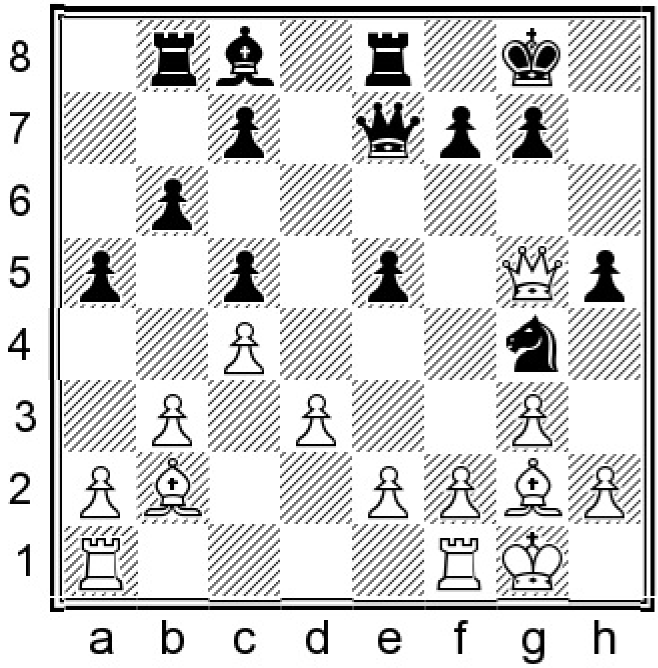
21. * A29
Caruana, Fabiano (2781) - Aronian, Levon (2785)
Saint Louis (m/2) 153/21, 2022

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e5 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 ♘d4 5.♗g2 ♘xf3+ 6.♗xf3 ♗c5 7.d3

7.O-O O-O 8.♘a4 d6 9.d3 a5 10.♘xc5 dxc5



11.♗g2N (11.♗d2 - 101/(10)) 11...♕e7 (11...♖e8 12.b3!? h5 13.♗a3 ♘d7 14.♗b2 (14.h4 ♖a6 15.♗b2 g5 16.hxg5 ♕xg5∞) 14...♖a6 15.♕d2! h4 16.♗c3±) 12.♕c2 ♖e8 13.b3!? ♖b8 14.♗b2 h5 15.♕d2 b6 16.♕g5 ♘g4



17.h4!? (17.♕xh5 g6 18.♕h4 ♕xh4 19.gxh4 ♗b7 20.♗xb7 ♖xb7 21.h3 ♘h6 22.h5 gxh5 23.f4 exf4 24.♖ae1±) 17...♕xg5 18.hxg5 f6 19.♗c6! ♖d8 20.gxf6 gxf6 21.♔g2± ♔g7 22.♖h1 ♔g6 23.♖h4 ♖h8 (23...♗d7 24.♗e4+ f5 25.♗d5 ♖h8 26.f3 ♘e3+ 27.♔f2 ♘xd5 28.cxd5 ♖be8 29.♖ah1 ♖h7 30.e4+-) 24.♖ah1 ♗e6 25.f3 ♘e3+ 26.♔f2 ♘c2 27.g4+- Giri,A (2760)-Niemann,H (2687) Miami (m/1-rapid) 153/ (21) 2022

7...O-O 8.O-O a5

8...c6 - 33/(39)

9.♗g2

9.♗g5 h6 10.♗xf6 ♕xf6 11.♘e4 ♕e7 12.♘xc5 ♕xc5=

9...c6 10.♗d2 d6 11.a3 ♗e6

11...♗g4!? 12.h3 ♗e6 13.♕c2 h6 14.♘a4 ♗d4 15.e3 ♗a7 16.b4 ♕d7⇄

12.♕c2 h6 13.♘a4 ♗a7

13...♗d4 14.e3 ♗a7 15.b4±

14.c5

14.b4 b5!? 15.cxb5 cxb5 16.♘c3 ♖b8=

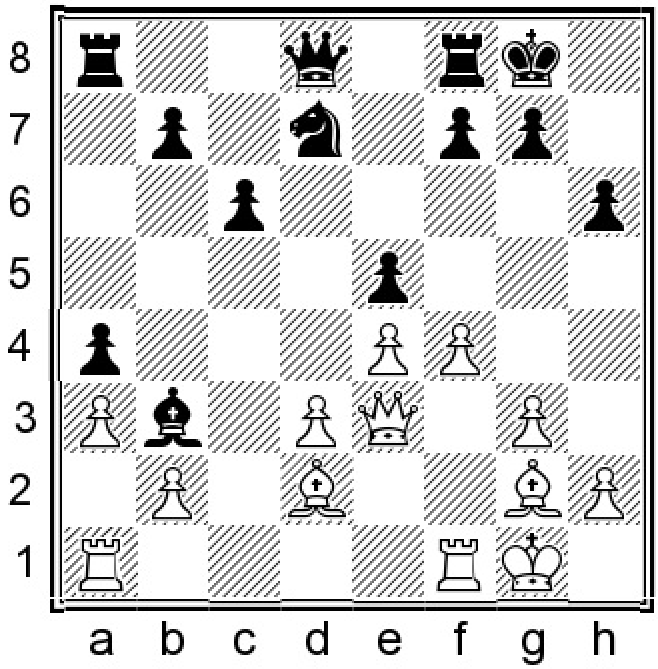
14...dxc5 15.♘xc5 ♗xc5 16.♕xc5 ♗d5

16...♖e8!? 17.b4 e4! 18.bxa5 exd3 19.e4 ♘d7 20.♕d4 ♕f6 21.♕xd3 (21.♕xf6 gxf6!∓) 21...♘e5∞

17.f3

17.♗xd5 ♘xd5 18.e4 ♘f6 19.♕xe5 ♕xd3 20.♗xh6 ♕xe4=

17...a4 18.e4 ♘d7⇄ 19.♕e3 ♗b3 20.f4



20...♕b6?!

20...c5! 21.♗c3 ♕e7 22.♖f2 b5 23.♗h3 ♖fd8⇄ 24.♗xd7?! ♖xd7 25.♗xe5 ♖ad8∓

21.♕xb6 ♘xb6 22.♖ac1 ♖fd8 23.♖f3 ♘d7?!

23...♖e8 24.♗h3 f6 25.♗e3 ♘c8±

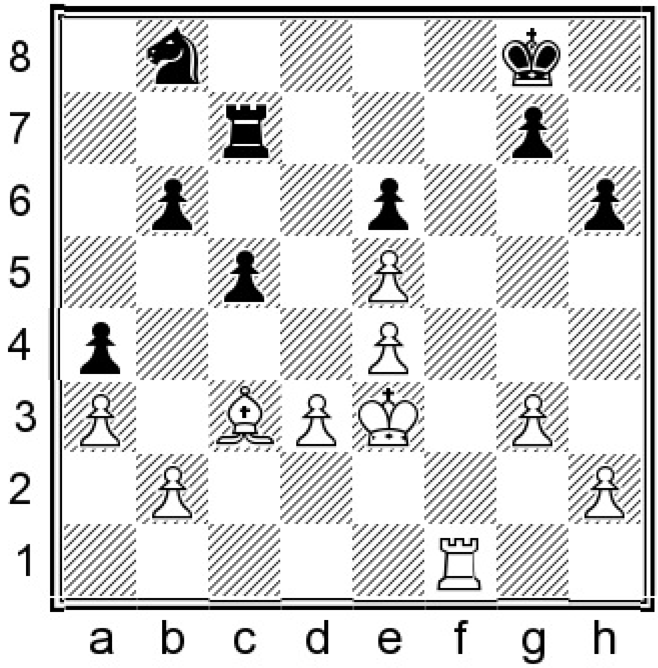
24.♗h3 ♗e6

24...♖ac8 25.♗a5±

25.♗xe6 fxe6 26.♔f2 c5 27.♔e2 b6 28.♗c3 ♖ac8 29.♖ff1 ♖f8 30.♔e3 ♖c7 31.fxe5 ♖xf1

31...♖fc8 32.♖cd1±

32.♖xf1 ♘b8



33.d4!+- cxd4+ 34.♗xd4 ♖c2 35.♖d1 ♘c6

35...♖xh2 36.♗c3 ♘c6 37.♖d6

36.♗c3 ♖xh2 37.♖d6 ♘a5 38.♔f3 ♔f7 39.♖xb6 ♘c4 40.♖b7+ ♔e8

40...♔g8 41.♖e7 ♘xb2 42.♖xe6 ♖c2 43.♗b4 ♘d3 44.♗d6

41.♖xg7 ♘xb2 42.♗b4 ♔d8

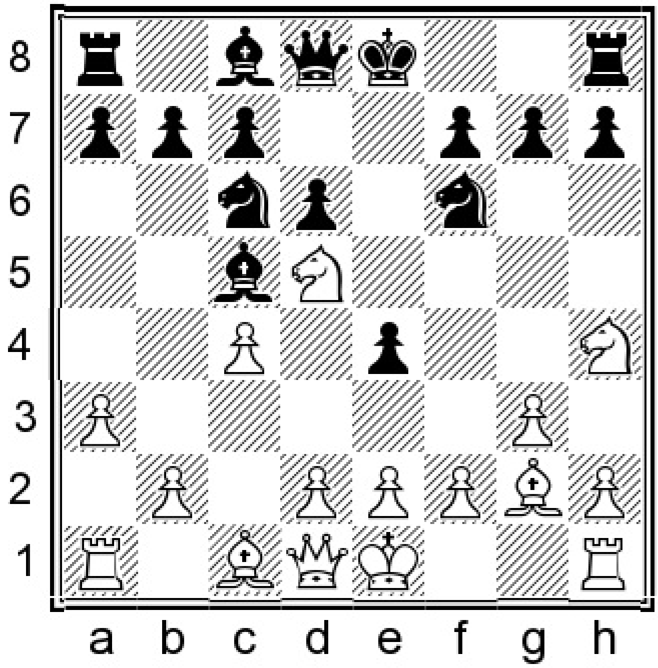
42...♘c4 43.♖e7+ ♔d8 44.♖xe6 h5 45.♔f4

43.♖e7 ♘c4 44.♖xe6 h5 45.♗d6 h4 46.♖g6 ♖h3 47.♖g8+ ♔d7 48.♖g7+ ♔e8 49.♖c7 ♖xg3+ 50.♔f4 ♘xd6 51.exd6 ♖xa3 52.♔f5 ♖g3 53.e5 1-0

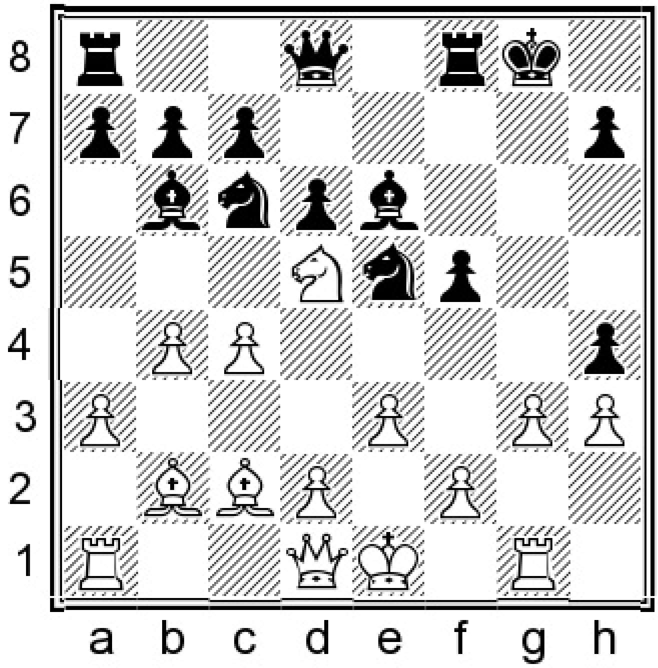
22. * A29
Ding, Liren (2806) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2642)
chess24.com (Int.-m1/2-rapid) 153/22, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 d5

4...♗b4 5.♘d5 e4 6.♘h4 d6 7.a3 (7.♗g2 - 147/13) 7...♗c5 8.♗g2



8...♘g4N (8...h6) 9.e3 g5 10.b4! (10.♗xe4!? gxh4 11.b4 ♗b6 12.♗b2→) 10...♗b6 11.♗b2 O-O 12.h3 ♘ge5 13.♗xe4 f5 14.♗c2 gxh4 15.♖g1! ♗e6



16.f4?! Puranik, A (2608)-Karthikeyan,M (2613) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(22) 2022 (16.f4 ♗d4! 17.♗xd4 ♘xd4 18.fxe5 ♘xc2+ 19.♕xc2 dxe5 20.♕c3 ♕d6∞; 16.♕h5! ♔h8 17.O-O-O ♗f7 18.♕xf5 ♗g6 19.♕g4 ♗xc2 20.♔xc2 ♖xf2 21.gxh4 ♕f8 22.♕e4 ♕f3 23.♕xf3 ♖xf3 24.c5! dxc5 25.b5+-)

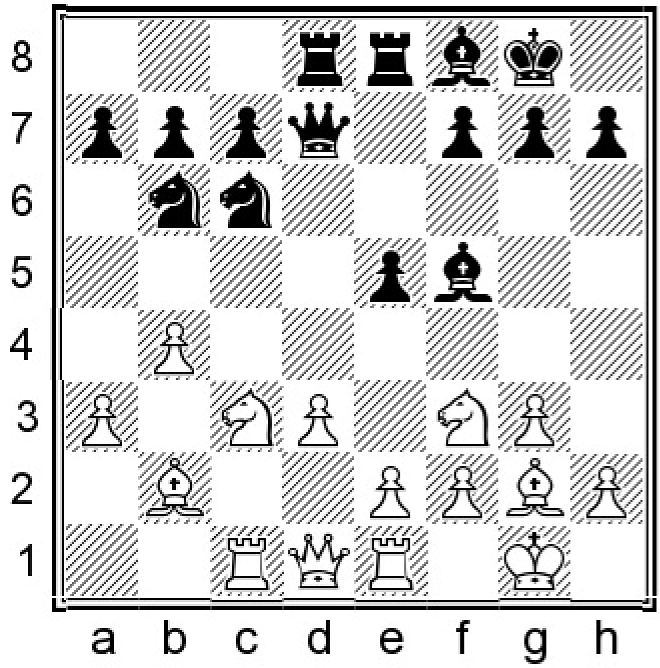
5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.♗g2 ♘b6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.b3 O-O 9.♗b2 ♗f5

9...♖e8 - 152/20

10.d3 ♕d7 11.♖c1 ♖ad8 12.a3N

12.♘d2

12...♖fe8 13.b4 ♗f8 14.♖e1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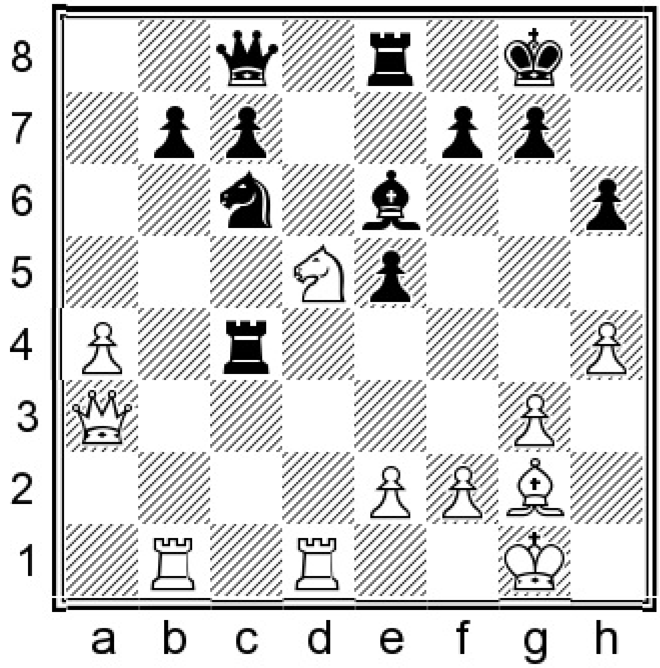
a b c d e f g h

14.♘a4 e4 15.♘xb6 axb6 16.dxe4 ♗xe4 17.♕xd7 ♖xd7 18.♗h3 ♖d5=

14...a5! 15.bxa5

15.b5 ♘d4 16.♘h4 ♗h3 17.♗xb7 c5! 18.bxc6 ♘xc6 19.♗xc6 ♕xc6 20.♘e4 ♕b5→

15...♘xa5 16.♘d2 h6 17.h4 ♖a8∓ 18.♖b1 ♗e6 19.♕c1 ♘c6 20.♖d1 ♖a5 21.♘c4 ♘xc4 22.dxc4 ♕c8 23.♘d5 ♖c5 24.a4 ♘a5 25.♗a3 ♖xc4 26.♕e3 ♗xa3 27.♕xa3 ♘c6?!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a b c d e f g h

27...♕d8∓

28.e3?!

28.♘e7+! ♘xe7 29.♗xb7 ♕b8 30.♗e4 ♕c8 31.♗b7 ♕b8 32.♗e4 ♕c8= (32...♕a7? 33.♕xe7!+-)

28...e4∓ 29.♗f1 ♖c2 30.♘b4 ♘xb4 31.♕xb4 ♗g4 32.♖dc1 ♖xc1 33.♖xc1 ♗f3 34.a5 ♖d8

34...♖e5!? 35.♔h2 c6 36.♖b1 g5 37.♕xb7 ♕xb7 38.♖xb7 ♖xa5∓

35.♗g2 c6 36.♖b1 ♖d5 37.♕xb7 ♕xb7 38.♖xb7 ♖xa5 39.♖c7 ♖c5∓ 40.g4 ♖c4 41.g5 hxg5 42.hxg5 ♖c5

42...♖c2!? 43.♗xf3 exf3 44.♔h2 ♖xf2+ 45.♔g3 ♖g2+ 46.♔xf3 ♖xg5 47.♖xc6 ♖f5+ 48.♔g3=

43.♗xf3

43.g6! fxg6 44.♗xf3 exf3 45.♔h2 g5 46.♔g3 ♖c4 47.♔xf3 ♔h7 48.♔g3 ♔g6 49.f3 ♖c1 50.e4=

43...exf3 44.♔h2 ♖xg5 45.♖xc6 ♖g2+ 46.♔h3 ♔h7

46...f6 47.e4 ♔f7-+

47.♖c4 ♖xf2 48.♔g3 ♖f1 49.♖h4+ ♔g8 50.♖a4 g6 51.♖a7 ♔g7 52.♔g4 ♔f6-+ 53.♖a5 ♔e6

53...g5 54.e4 ♔e6 55.♖a7 f6 56.♖a6+ ♔e5-+

54.♔f4 ♔f6 55.♖a6+ ♔g7 56.♔g3 f5 57.♖a5 ♔f6 58.♖a6+ ♔e5 0-1

23. A30
Puranik, Abhimanyu Sameer (2608) - Harsha, Bharathakoti (2547)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/23, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.g3 b6 4.♗g2 ♗b7 5.O-O e6 6.♘c3 ♗e7 7.b3 O-O 8.♗b2 ♘c6 9.d4 ♘xd4 10.♘xd4 ♗xg2 11.♔xg2 cxd4 12.♕xd4 ♕c7 13.♖fd1

13.e4 - 68/ 28

13...♖fd8 14.e4N

14.♖ac1

14...d6 15.♖ac1 ♖ac8 16.f3 ♕b7 17.g4 a6 18.a4 ♗f8

18...h6!? 19.h4 ♘e8 20.♖h1 d5 (20...♗f6 21.♕e3 b5 22.g5 ♗e5 23.axb5 axb5 24.cxb5 (24.gxh6?! bxc4∓) 24...♕b8 (24...h5∞) 25.gxh6 d5!→ 26.exd5?! ♗f4) 21.exd5 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.cxb5 exd5 24.♕d3 ♘c7⇄

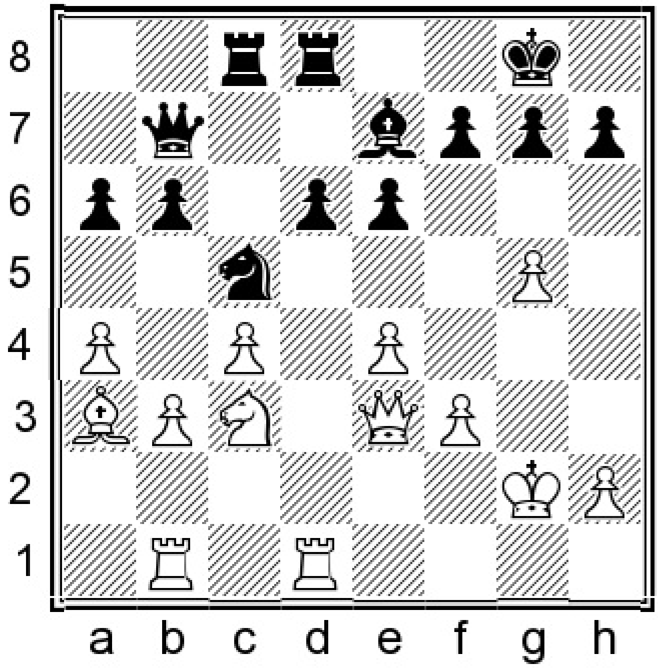
19.♕e3

19.g5 ♘d7 20.♖b1 f6!? 21.gxf6 ♘xf6 22.e5 dxe5 23.♕xe5 ♕f7 24.♘e4 ♘d7 25.♕g3 ♘c5∞

19...♘d7 20.♗a3 ♘c5 21.♖b1 ♗e7

21...g6 22.h4 ♗g7 23.g5 ♗e5 24.♘e2 b5!⇄

22.g5



22...♖f8!

22...♗f8 23.h4 g6 24.h5 ♗g7 25.♘e2 b5 26.e5! ♗xe5 27.♗xc5 ♖xc5 28.♕xc5 dxc5 29.♖xd8+ ♔g7 30.h6#

23.h4 f6⇄ 24.♘e2

24.f4 b5! 25.♗xc5 ♖xc5 26.♕h3 f5 27.axb5 axb5 28.♘xb5 ♕xe4+ 29.♕f3 d5=

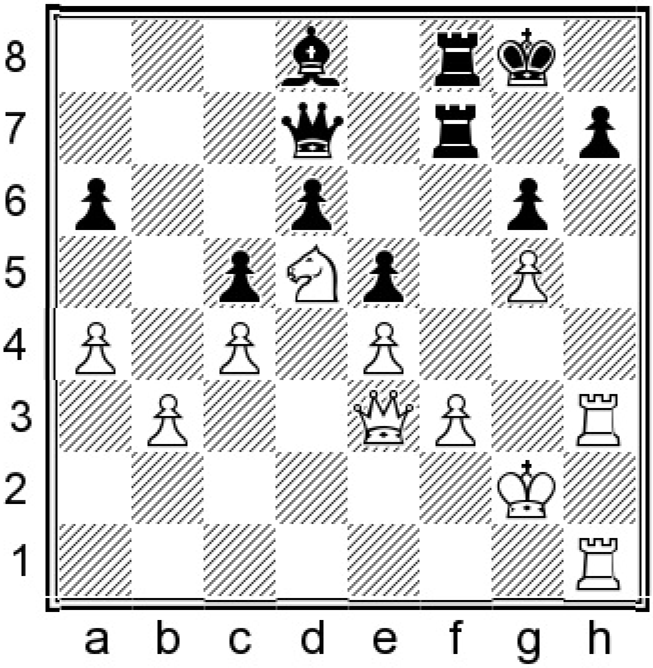
24...fxg5 25.hxg5 e5?!

25...♖f7! 26.♖h1 b5! 27.axb5 axb5 28.cxb5 ♘d7 (28...♕xb5 29.♘d4 ♕a6 30.♖a1∞) 29.g6 (29.♖bd1 ♕xb5 30.♗xd6 ♖c2 31.♖he1 ♗xg5 32.f4 ♗f6∓) 29...♖f6!? (29...hxg6 30.♖h3 ♕xb5 31.♘d4 ♕a6 32.b4 ♕a4 33.♖bh1 ♖ff8!⇄) 30.gxh7+ ♔h8∓

26.♗xc5 bxc5 27.♖h1 g6 28.♖h3 ♖f7 29.♘c3± ♖cf8

29...♖f4 30.♖g3 ♖cf8 31.♘d5 ♖4f7 32.♕c3±

30.♘d5 ♗d8 31.♖bh1 ♕d7



32.♖g3

32.♔f2! ♕b7 33.♔e2 ♗e7 34.♔d2 ♖b8 35.♖b1 (35.♔c2? ♗xg5!) 35...♗d8 36.♔c2±

32...♕b7 33.♕d3 ♗e7 34.♘e3?!

34.♕c3 ♖b8 35.♖b1±

34...♕b8 35.♕d1?

35.♘d5

35...♕d8∓ 36.♕d5

36.♘d5 ♗xg5 37.♔f1 ♗h4 38.♖gh3 ♕g5-+

36...♗xg5 37.♘g4 ♔h8 38.♕e6 ♗f4 39.♖gh3 ♕g5 40.♖h6 ♖g7 41.♕xd6 ♖d8-+ 42.♕xc5 ♖d2+ 43.♔f1 ♕d8 44.♘f2 ♗xh6 45.♖xh6 ♕f6 46.♕e3

46.♖h3 h5 47.♘g4 ♕d8

46...♖b2 47.♖h3 ♖d7 48.♕h6 ♖xb3 49.♘g4 ♖xf3+ 50.♔g2 ♖xh3 51.♘xf6 ♖xh6 52.♘xd7 ♖h4 53.♔f3 ♖h3+ 54.♔e2 ♔g7 55.c5 ♔f7 56.♘xe5+

56.c6 ♔e6

56...♔e6 57.♘d3 g5 58.a5 h5 59.e5 ♖xd3 0-1

24. A30
Repka, Christopher (2516) - Puranik, Abhimanyu Sameer (2612)
Chennai (ol) 153/24, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.♘c3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.♗g2 ♗b7 6.O-O ♗e7 7.♖e1 ♘e4 8.♕c2 ♘xc3 9.dxc3 f5

10.♗f4 ♗e4N

10...g5 - 125/12

10...O-O

11.♕d2 ♘c6 12.♖ad1± ♕c8

12...♗f6 13.♗d6 ♘a5 14.b3 ♘b7 15.♗e5 d6 16.♗xf6 ♕xf6 17.♘g5!→ Δ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 O-O 19.e4 f4 (19...h6 20.♘h3 fxe4 21.♕f4! ♕e7 22.♕xe4±) 20.♕xf4+-

13.♗d6 ♗f6

13...♗xd6 14.♕xd6 ♕d8 15.♘e5 ♗xg2 16.♔xg2 ♘xe5 17.♕xe5 O-O 18.♖d6 ♕c7 19.♖ed1 ♖f7 20.f3 h6 21.a4 ♖e8 22.♔f2 ♔h7 23.♕e3±

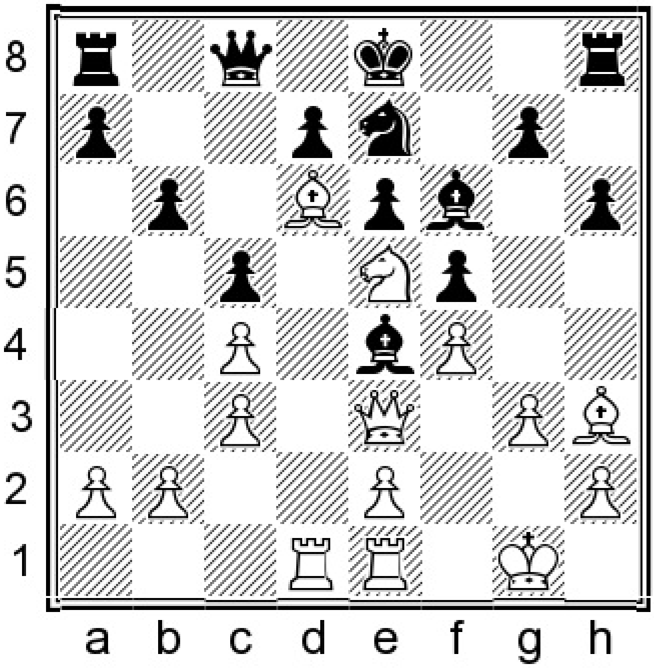
14.♗h3

14.b4!? ♘d8 15.♘e5 ♗xg2 16.♔xg2 ♗xe5 17.♗xe5 ♕c6+ 18.f3±

14...h6 15.♕e3 ♘e7

15...♘a5 16.♘d2 ♕c6 17.♘xe4 fxe4 18.b3 ♘b7 19.♕f4 ♗xc3 20.♗e5! ♗xe5 21.♕xe5 O-O-O (21...O-O 22.♖xd7!+-) 22.♕xg7±

16.♘e5 ♗g5 17.f4 ♗f6



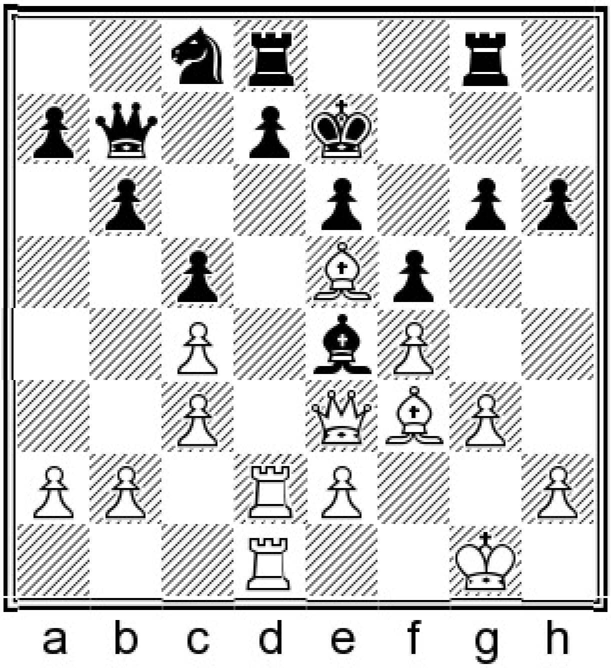
18.♗g4!

18.g4!? O-O 19.♗xe7 ♗xe7 20.gxf5 exf5 21.♘g6 (21.♘xd7? ♗h4! 22.♘xf8 ♕xf8 23.♖f1 ♖e8 24.♖d7 ♖e6→) 21...♖e8 22.♗xf5 ♗xf5 23.♘xe7+ ♔f8 24.♖d5 ♗h7 25.♘xc8±

18...♗xe5 19.♗h5+ g6 20.♗xe5 ♖g8 21.♗f3 ♕b7 22.♖d6

22.♖d2! ♖d8 (22...d5 23.♖ed1 ♔f7 24.cxd5 exd5 25.♗xe4 fxe4 26.f5! (26.♖xd5!? ♘xd5 27.♕xe4 ♖gd8 28.c4+-) 26...♘xf5 27.♕f4+-) 23.♖ed1 ♗xf3 24.exf3! ♔f7 25.g4 g5 26.fxg5 hxg5 27.♖d6±

22...♖d8 23.♖ed1 ♘c8 24.♖6d2 ♔e7



24...♗xf3 25.exf3! ♔f7 26.b4 ♖ge8 27.♔g2 d6 28.bxc5 bxc5 29.♗xd6 ♘b6 30.♕xc5 ♖c8 31.♕b5±

25.♗d6+

25.♗xe4! fxe4□ (25...♕xe4 26.♕xe4 fxe4 27.♗c7+-) 26.f5! g5 (26...exf5 27.♕xh6 ♕c6 28.♕g5+ ♔e8 29.♖d6 ♘xd6 30.♖xd6 ♕b7 31.♖xg6+-) 27.fxe6 dxe6 28.♖xd8 ♖xd8 29.♗f6+ ♔xf6 30.♖xd8 ♘e7 31.♕d2+-

25...♘xd6 26.♖xd6 ♗xf3 27.exf3 ♖ge8 28.g4 ♖f8 29.b4 ♖c8 30.♕f2?!

30.♕e5±

30...♖c7 31.♕h4+ ♔e8?!

31...g5! 32.fxg5 (32.♕xh6 ♕xf3 33.♕xg5+ ♔e8 34.♖xe6+ dxe6 35.♖d8+ ♔f7 36.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 37.♕d8+ ♔f7 38.♕xc7+ ♔g6 39.gxf5+ exf5 40.♕e5 ♕d1+ 41.♔f2 ♕d2+ 42.♔f3 ♕d1+ 43.♕e2 ♕xe2+ 44.♔xe2 ♔h5 45.♔f3 ♔h4 46.♔g2 ♔g4 47.♔f2 ♔xf4 48.♔g2 ♔e3 49.bxc5 bxc5 50.h4 ♔f4 51.♔h3 ♔e3 52.♔g2 ♔f4=) 32...♕xf3 33.gxh6+ ♖f6 34.♖xd7+ ♖xd7 35.♖xd7+ ♔xd7 36.♕xf6 ♕xg4+ 37.♔f2 ♕f4+ 38.♔e2 ♕xc4+ 39.♔d2 ♕f4+ 40.♔c2 ♕e4+ 41.♔b2 ♕e2+ 42.♔b3 ♕d1+=

32.♖1d3 fxg4 33.♕xh6 gxf3 34.♕xg6+ ♔d8 35.♕g7?!

35.♖xe6! cxb4 (35...♕a6 36.♕g7) 36.♕g7 f2+ 37.♔xf2 ♖xf4+ 38.♔g3 ♖f3+ 39.♖xf3+-

35...♖e8 36.b5 ♔c8 37.♕g6 ♖h8! 38.♕g3 ♕e4

38...f2+ 39.♔xf2 ♕e4 40.♕g2 ♕xf4+ 41.♔e1 ♕c1+ 42.♔e2 ♔b8=

39.♕xf3 ♕e1+ 40.♔g2 ♖g8+ 41.♔h3 ♖h8+ 42.♔g2 ♖g8+ 43.♔h3 ♔b8 44.♖xd7?

44.♖d1! ♖h8+ 45.♔g2 ♖g8+ 46.♔h3=

44...♕g1-+ 45.♖d8+ ♖c8 0-1

25. A31
Niemann, Hans Moke (2526) - Bernadskiy, Vitaliy (2599)
Bassano del Grappa 153/25, 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.♘f3 cxd4 4.♘xd4 b6 5.e4 d6 6.♘c3 ♗b7 7.f3 e6 8.♗e3 a6 9.g4

9.♗e2 - 140/17

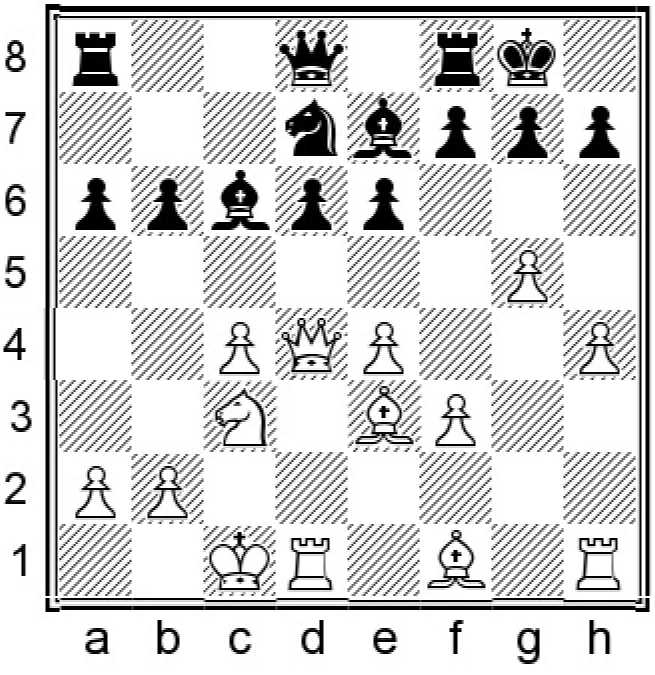
9...♘c6! 10.♘xc6N

10.h4

10...♗xc6 11.g5 ♘d7 12.h4

12.♕d4 h6 13.h4 hxg5 14.♗xg5 ♘e5∞ 15.♖h3 f6 16.♗d2 (16.♗e3?! ♖xh4!-+)

12...♗e7 13.♕d4 O-O 14.O-O-O



14...b5! 15.♔b1 ♘e5 16.f4 b4 17.♘e2

17.♘d5 ♘g4 (17...exd5 18.exd5 ♗a4 19.b3 ♘g4 20.bxa4 ♘xe3 21.♕xe3 ♖e8 22.♕b3 ♕b6 23.♗d3 ♗f8 24.♕c2 g6 25.h5) 18.♘xb4 ♗b7 19.♗d2 e5∞

17...♘g4 18.♗h3 e5! 19.fxe5 ♘xe5 20.♖hf1 b3 21.axb3?!

21.a3 ♕a5 (21...♘xc4?! 22.♗f4 ♖e8 23.♘c3 ♗b5 24.♖f3 ♕c7 25.h5 ♘e5 26.♖g3 ♕c4 27.♕f2!→) 22.♗f4 ♖fe8 23.♘c3 ♗f8 24.h5 (24.♘d5 ♗xd5 25.cxd5 g6 26.h5±) 24...♕c5!±

21...♕b8 22.♕c3

22.♔a2 a5! 23.♕c3 ♗xe4 (23...♕b7?! 24.c5! ♖fd8 25.♘g3→) 24.♘g3 a4 25.♘xe4 axb3+ 26.♔b1 ♖a4 27.♘d2 ♕a8 28.♕xb3 ♖b8 29.♗g2! ♖xb3 30.♗xa8 ♖xe3 31.♗d5 h6!∞

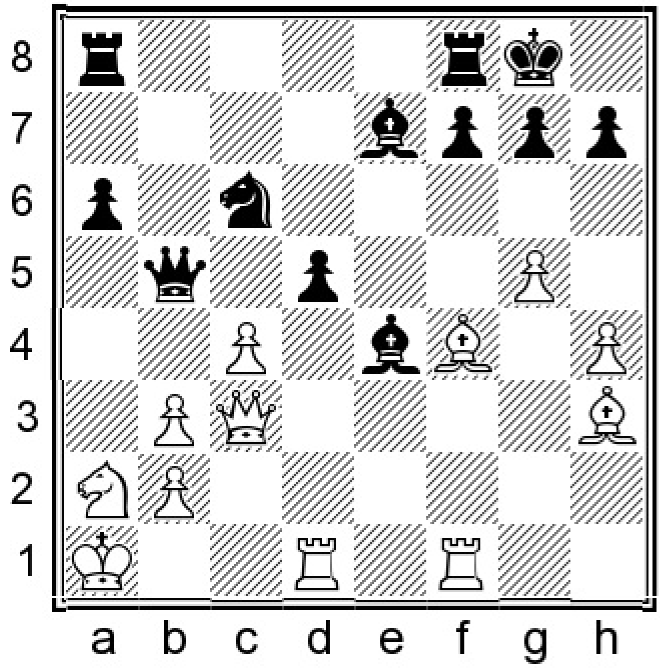
22...♗xe4+ 23.♔a1

23.♔a2 d5 24.♗f4 ♕b5 25.♗xe5 ♗b4 26.♖xd5 ♗xc3 27.♘xc3 ♗xd5 28.cxb5 axb5+ 29.♔b1 ♗xb3 30.♗g2 ♖ac8 31.♗d6 ♖fd8 32.♗a3 ♖b8⇄

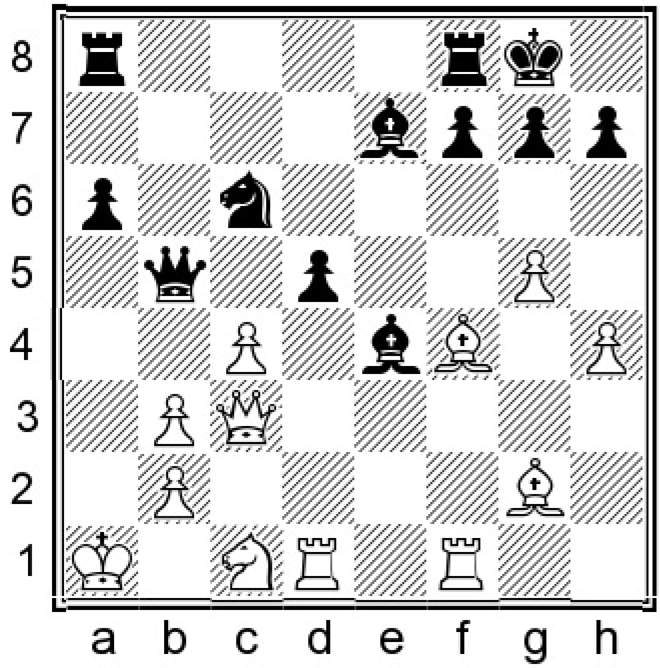
23...d5! 24.♗f4 ♕b5! 25.♘c1

25.cxb5? axb5+; 25.♗xe5? ♗b4 26.♖xd5 ♗xc3 27.♘xc3 ♕xb3-+

25...♘c6 26.♘a2?!



26.♗g2!



26...♗xg2! 27.cxb5 axb5+ 28.♔b1 ♗e4+ 29.♘d3 ♖a6 30.h5 ♖fa8 31.♔c1□ (31.♔c2 ♗b4∓) 31...d4 32.♕e1 (32.♕d2?! ♖c8→) 32...♗xd3 33.♖xd3 ♖a1+ 34.♔c2 ♖xe1 35.♖xe1 ♘b4+ 36.♔d2 ♘xd3 37.♔xd3 ♔f8 38.♖c1 (38.♔xd4 ♖d8+ 39.♔e3 ♗c5+ 40.♔f3 ♖d3+ 41.♔g4 ♖xb3 42.♖c1 ♗b6 43.♖c6 ♗d8 44.♖c8∞) 38...g6 39.hxg6 hxg6=

26...♘b4! 27.♗c7

27.cxb5 axb5 28.♕xb4 ♗xb4-+ 29.h5 ♖xa2+ 30.♔xa2 ♖a8#

27...♘c2+ 28.♔b1

28.♕xc2 ♗xc2 29.cxb5 axb5 30.♖d4 ♖xa2+ 31.♔xa2 ♖a8+-+

28...♕b7

28...♘d4+! 29.♖d3 ♕xb3 30.♗f5 ♕xc3 31.♘xc3 ♘xf5-+

29.♗f5

29.cxd5 ♘d4+ 30.♖d3 ♘b5 31.♕c4 ♗xd3+ 32.♕xd3 ♕xc7-+

29...♘e3+ 30.♗xe4 ♘xd1 31.♖xd1 dxe4 32.♗a5

32.♗f4 ♖ad8

32...♖ab8 33.♔c2

33.♘c1 ♗d8! 34.♖d5 ♗xa5 35.♖xa5 f5 36.gxf6 ♖xf6-+

33...♖fe8 34.♘c1 e3 35.♘e2 ♕e4+ 36.♕d3 ♕xh4 37.♖g1 ♗xg5 38.♗c3 ♗f6 39.c5 ♖bd8 40.♕c4 ♕f2 0-1

26. A33

Ponkratov, Pavel (2624) - Narayanan, Sunilduth Lyna (2662)
Sharjah 153/26, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 e6 6.g3 ♕b6 7.♘b3 ♘e5 8.e4 ♗b4 9.♕e2 d6 10.♗d2 a5 11.f4 ♘c6 12.♗e3 ♕c7 13.♘d2

13.♗g2 - 116/(11)

13...♗xc3 14.bxc3 b6 15.♗g2N

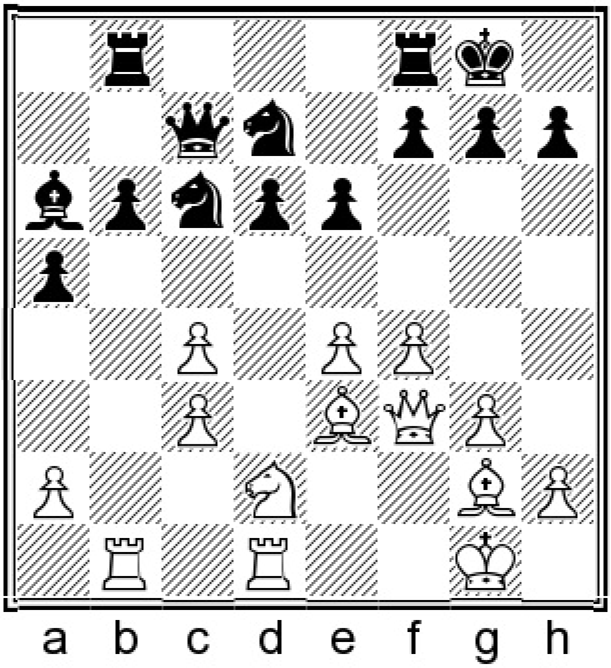
15.♖b1

15...♗a6 16.O-O O-O 17.♖ab1 ♘d7 18.♖fd1

18.g4 ♘e7 (18...a4!? 19.♕f2 ♘a5 20.e5 ♖ab8 21.exd6 ♕xd6 22.♖b4 ♗b7 23.♗xb7 ♘xb7 24.♘e4 ♕c6 25.♕g2⇄) 19.g5 ♖ab8 20.h4 f5 (20...d5 21.f5! dxe4 22.f6 ♘f5 23.fxg7 ♔xg7 24.♖xf5! exf5 25.♕f2 ♗xc4 26.♗f4 (26.♕xf5 ♗e6 27.♕f2 f5 28.gxf6+ ♘xf6 29.♗d4 ♖bd8 30.♘xe4 ♖xd4 31.♕xd4 ♕c4 32.♕e5 ♕d5 33.♕c7+ ♘d7 34.♘g5 ♕xa2 35.♖b2! ♕xb2 36.♘xe6+ ♔h6 37.♘xf8 ♕c1+ 38.♔h2 ♘xf8=) 26...♕c5 27.♕xc5 bxc5 28.♖xb8 ♖xb8 29.♗xb8 ♗xa2 30.♗f4 a4∞) 21.h5 fxe4 22.♗xe4 d5 23.♗c2 ♘f5 24.♗d4 ♖be8⇄

18...♖ab8 19.♗f2

19.♕f3



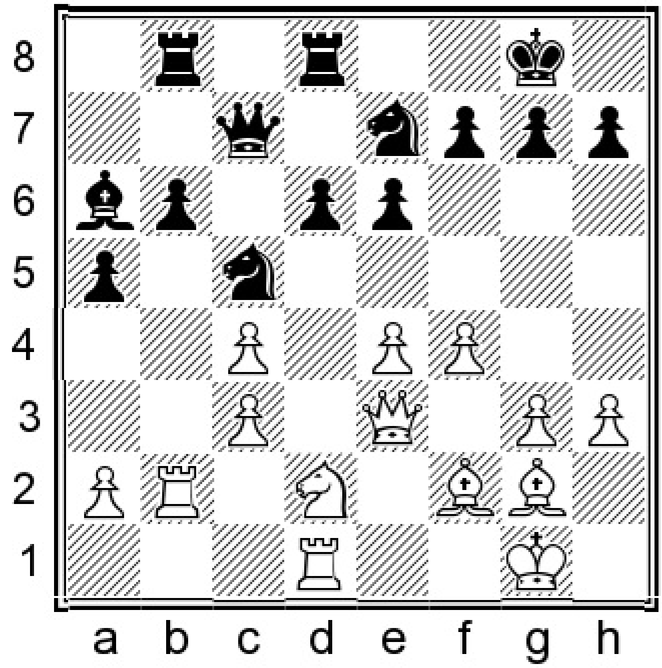
19...♘d8! (19...♘e7!?⇄) 20.g4 ♘b7 21.g5 ♘bc5 22.h4 ♖be8 23.♕g3 f6!→ 24.♔h2 (24.g6 hxg6 25.♕xg6 ♖e7 26.h5 ♗b7∓ 27.h6? f5! 28.♕g5 ♖f6-+) 24...♗b7 25.h5 fxg5 26.fxg5 ♘e5∓

19...♘e7 20.♖b2 ♖fd8

20...d5!? 21.♗f1 (21.exd5?! ♘xd5 22.♕f3 ♘e7! (22...♗xc4?! 23.♘xc4 ♕xc4 24.f5 ♘e5 25.♕h5⯹)

23.♕e2 ♖bd8∓) 21...♖fe8 22.♕e3 ♘c5 23.cxd5 ♗xf1 24.♖xf1 exd5 25.e5∞

21.♕e3 ♘c5 22.h3



22.g4 f6!? 23.h4 ♘g6⇄ 24.h5? ♘xf4!-+

22...♘a4

22...d5! 23.exd5 exd5 24.♘b3 ♘f5 25.♕c1 ♗xc4 26.♘xc5 bxc5 27.♖xb8 ♕xb8 28.♕b1 ♕xb1 (28...♕c8!? 29.g4 ♘e7 30.♕b6 ♘g6 31.♗g3 a4 32.f5 ♘f8 33.a3 ♘d7 34.♕c7 ♕xc7 35.♗xc7 ♖c8 36.♗f4 ♘b6 37.♖e1 h6 38.♖e7⯹) 29.♖xb1 d4 30.cxd4 cxd4 31.a4 ♘e3∓

23.♖b3 d5

23...♗xc4 24.♘xc4 ♕xc4 25.♗f1 ♕c7 26.c4⯹

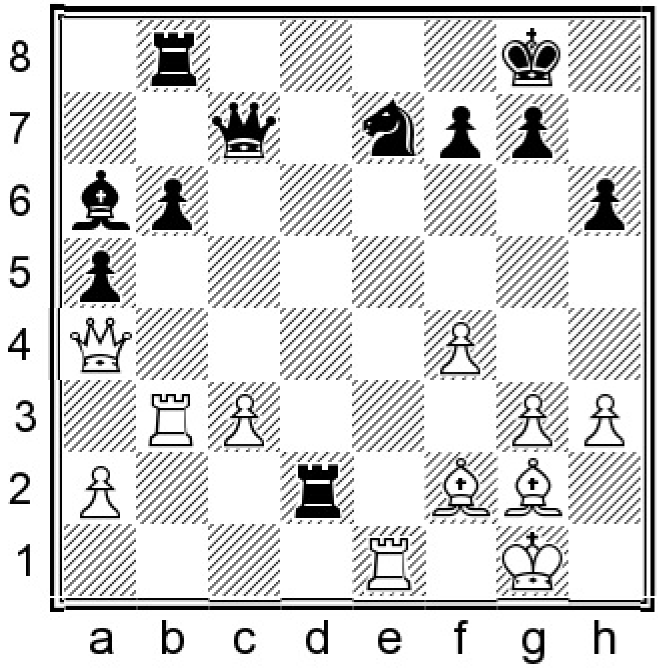
24.cxd5 exd5 25.♖e1?!

25.e5 ♘c5 26.♖bb1 ♘f5 27.♕f3 d4 28.cxd4 ♘xd4 29.♗xd4 ♖xd4 30.♘f1 ♗d3 31.♖bc1⇄

25...h6 26.♕f3

26.f5 dxe4 27.♘xe4 ♘xf5 28.♕f3 ♘e7∓

26...dxe4 27.♕xe4 ♖xd2 28.♕xa4



28...♗c4?

28...b5! 29.♕e4 (29.♕a3 ♖xf2! 30.♖xe7 (30.♔xf2 ♕b6+ 31.♖e3 ♘f5-+) 30...♕b6-+)

29.♖xe7 ♕xe7 30.♕xc4 ♖bd8 31.♖b1 ♖d1+ 32.♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 33.♗f1 ♕d7 34.♗xb6 ♕xh3 35.♗f2

35.♔f2!? ♕h2+ 36.♔f3 ♕h1+ 37.♗g2 ♕h5+ 38.g4 ♕g6 39.♗e3+-

35...♕d7 36.♕e4 a4 37.a3?

37.♔g2 ♖d2 38.♗c4 ♕a7 39.♗e2+-

37...♖a1 38.♗d4 ♕h3 39.♕d3 ♕g4 40.♔f2 ♖xa3 41.♕d2 ♕e6= 42.c4 ♖b3 43.♕c2 1/2-1/2

27. A34
Giri, Anish (2761) - Anand, Viswanathan (2751)
Stavanger 153/27, 2022

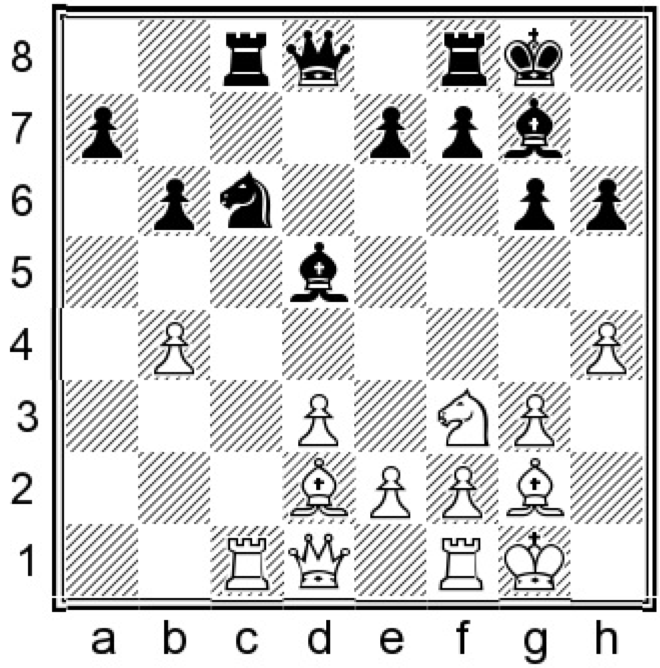
1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♗g2 ♘c6 6.♘c3 g6 7.h4 h6 8.O-O

8.d3 - 28/100

8...♗g7 9.d3 ♗e6 10.♗d2 ♖c8 11.♖c1 b6 12.a3 O-O 13.♘xd5 ♗xd5 14.b4 cxb4

14...♘d4 15.♘xd4 ♗xg2 16.♘e6 ♕d7 17.♔xg2 ♕xe6 18.bxc5 ♖xc5 19.♖xc5 bxc5 20.♗e3 ♖c8!? 21.♕a4 ♗d4∞

15.axb4



15...♗xf3!?N

15...e5

16.♗xf3 ♘d4 17.♗e4

17.♗g2 ♖xc1 18.♗xc1 ♕d6 19.♗d2 ♖d8!?⇄ 20.e3?! ♘b5∓

17...♖xc1 18.♗xc1 ♕d6 19.♗d2 ♖c8

19...♕e6!? 20.♗e3 (20.e3 ♘b3 21.♗f3 a5 22.bxa5 bxa5 23.d4 ♖b8 24.♗c1 ♕d6 25.♕c2 ♕b4 26.♔g2 a4 27.♕c7∞ a3? 28.♗xa3+-) 20...a5 21.bxa5 bxa5 22.♗xd4 ♗xd4=

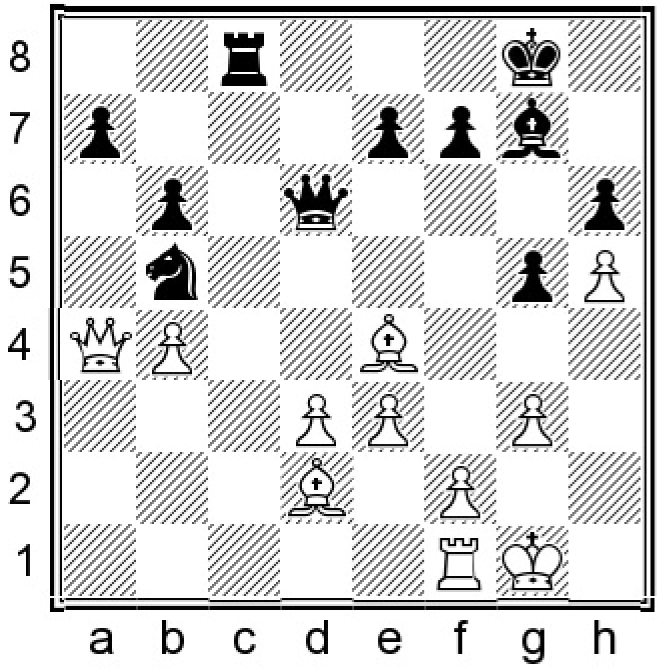
20.e3 ♘b5

20...♘f5?! 21.h5 ♔h7 22.d4 ♕e6 23.♗d3±

21.h5

21.d4!? ♕e6 22.♗d3 ♘d6 23.h5 g5 24.♕f3 ♕b3 25.♕e2 ♘c4 26.♖b1! ♕a2 27.♖c1 b5 28.♗e1±

21...g5 22.♕a4



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22...♘c3

22...♕e5! 23.♗f3 (23.g4 ♘d6 24.♗g2 ♕b2⇄) 23...♕f5 24.♗e4 ♕e5 25.♗b7 ♖c7 26.♗f3 ♕f5 27.♗e4 ♕e5=

23.♗xc3 ♗xc3 24.♕xa7

24.b5 ♗a5± (24...♖c7?! 25.♖c1 ♗f6 26.♖c6!±)

24...♗xb4 25.♖b1 ♗a5 26.d4 ♔g7 27.♕a6 ♕e6 28.♗d3 ♕c6 29.♗f5 ♖c7 30.♕e2 ♕d5 31.♗d3 ♖c3 32.♖d1 ♗b4 33.♕b2

33.♕g4 ♗a3 34.♗e4 ♕e6 35.♕xe6 fxe6 36.♔g2 b5 37.♖d3 ♖xd3 38.♗xd3 b4=

33...♕b3 34.♕e2 ♕d5 35.♕b2 ♕b3 1/2-1/2

28. A38
Cordova, Emilio (2549) - Shabalov, Alexander (2504)
Chicago 153/28, 2022

1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘f6 3.g3 ♘c6 4.♗g2 d6 5.b3 g6 6.♗b2 ♗g7 7.♘c3 e5 8.O-O O-O 9.e3 ♘g4N

9...♖e8 - 46/68

9...h6

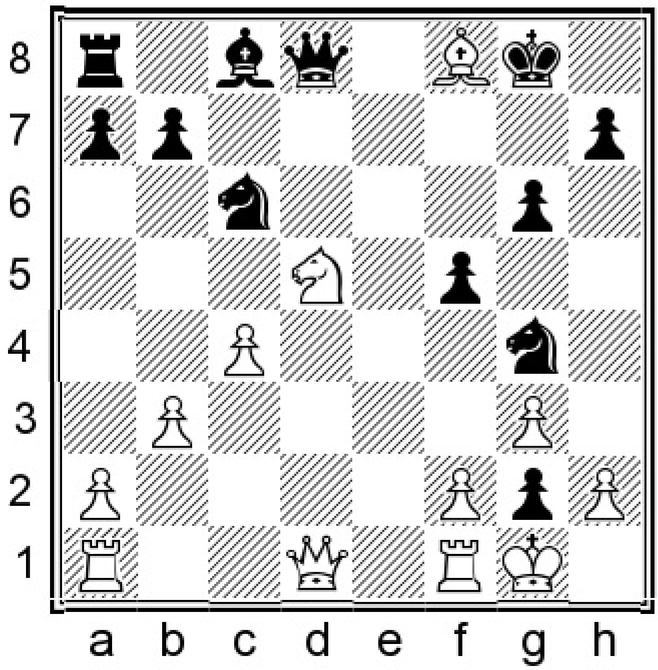
10.d4!?

10.h3 ♘h6 11.d4 exd4 12.exd4 ♘f5 13.♘e2 a5!⇄; 10.d3 f5 11.a3 ♖b8 12.b4 b6 13.♕a4 ♗b7 14.h3

♘f6 15.♘g5 ♕e8 16.♘d5 h6 17.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 18.♘f3 ♕d7 19.♘d2 ♖ff8 20.♗c3 ♕c7 21.b5 ♘d8!→

10...exd4

10...cxd4 11.exd4 f5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.♘d5 e4 14.♗xg7 ♔xg7 (14...exf3? 15.♗xf8 fxg2



16.♖e1! ♔xf8 (16...♕xf8 17.♘c7 ♖b8 18.♖e8) 17.♕d2 ♗d7 18.h3 ♘ge5 19.♕c3 ♘f7 20.♖ad1 ♖c8 21.♘f6 ♘ce5 22.♕b4+ ♔g7 23.♘xd7 ♘xd7 (23...♘f3+ 24.♔xg2 ♘xe1+ 25.♕xe1+-) 24.♖e7+-) 15.♘d4±

11.exd4 ♘xd4

11...cxd4?! 12.♘b5 ♘ge5 13.♘bxd4 (13.♘fxd4!? a6 14.♘xc6 bxc6 15.♘d4 ♗b7 16.♖b1±) 13...♘xf3+ 14.♗xf3 ♕f6 15.♘xc6 ♕xb2 16.♘e7+ ♔h8 17.♖b1 ♕xa2 18.♘xc8 ♖axc8 19.♗xb7 ♖b8 20.♗d5 a5 21.♔g2 ♖b4 22.♖e1! a4 23.♖e2 ♕a3 24.bxa4 ♕xa4 25.♕xa4 ♖xa4 26.♖b7 ♗d4 27.♗xf7+-

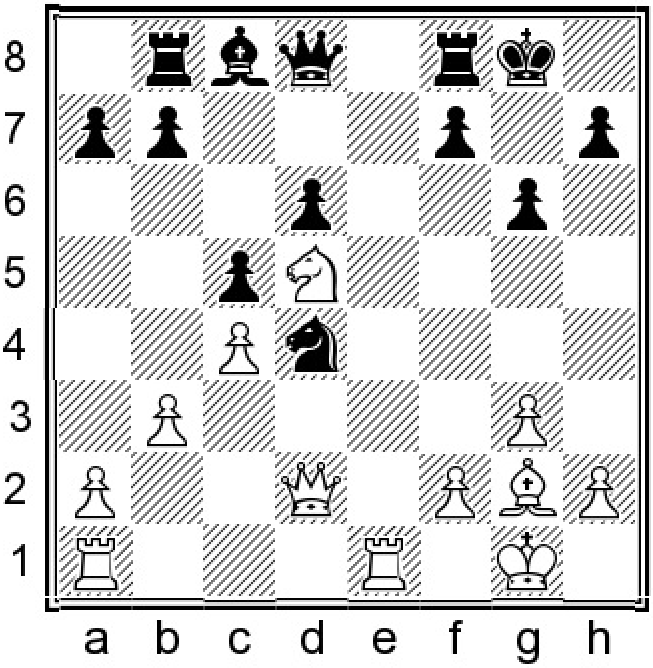
12.♘xd4 ♗xd4 13.♕d2∞ ♘e5 14.♘d5 ♘c6

14...♗xb2 15.♕xb2 ♗e6 16.♖ad1 ♗xd5 17.♗xd5 ♕d7 18.f4 ♘g4 19.♖d3 ♖ae8 20.♕d2 ♘f6 21.♗g2 ♘e4 22.♗xe4 ♖xe4 23.♖xd6 ♕e7 24.♖d7 ♕f6= 25.♖xb7 ♖fe8 26.♖xa7 ♖e2 27.♕d5 h5∞

15.♖fe1 ♖b8?!

15...♗e6 16.♘f4 ♕f6 17.♗xd4 ♘xd4 18.♗xb7 d5! 19.♔g2 ♖ad8 20.♕c3 dxc4 21.bxc4 g5 22.♘xe6 fxe6 23.♖f1 g4 24.♗e4 ♖d7⇄

16.♗xd4 ♘xd4



16...cxd4?! 17.♕h6 f6 18.♘f4 ♘e7 19.♖ad1 ♘f5 20.♗d5++-

17.♖e7!± ♗e6

17...♘f5 18.♖ae1! ♘xe7 19.♖xe7 ♗e6 20.♘f6+ ♔g7 21.♕c3 ♖g8□ 22.♘d7+ ♔h6 23.♕f6 ♖e8 24.♖xe8 ♕xe8 25.♘xb8 ♕xb8 26.h3 ♕c8 27.g4+-

18.♖e1 ♗xd5 19.♗xd5 ♘f5 20.♕g5?!

20.♖7e4 ♕f6 (20...♘d4 21.♔g2 ♕f6 22.♖e7 ♘c6 23.♗xc6 bxc6 24.♕a5±) 21.h3 b5 22.cxb5 ♖xb5 23.♖f4 ♖bb8 24.♗e4→

20...♘xe7?

20...♔g7! 21.♖1e6 ♕xe7 22.♖xe7 h6 23.♕f4 ♘xe7 24.♕xd6 ♘xd5 25.cxd5 ♖bd8 26.♕xc5 b6 27.♕d4+ ♔g8∞

21.♖xe7 ♔g7 22.♕e3 ♔g8 23.♕g5 ♔g7 24.h4+- h6 25.♕e3 ♔g8

25...♕c8 26.♕c3+ ♔g8 27.♕f6 ♕f5 28.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 29.♖xf7 ♕xf6 30.♖xf6

26.♕e4 ♔g7 27.h5 gxh5 28.♕e6 ♕c8 29.♖xf7+ ♖xf7 30.♕xf7+ ♔h8 31.♕f6+ ♔h7 32.♗e4+ ♔g8 33.♕g6+ ♔f8 34.♕xd6+ ♔f7 35.♗d5+ ♔e8 36.♗f3 1-0

A50-A74

29. A57
Gonen, Barak - Elyoseph, Harel
corr 153/29, 2022

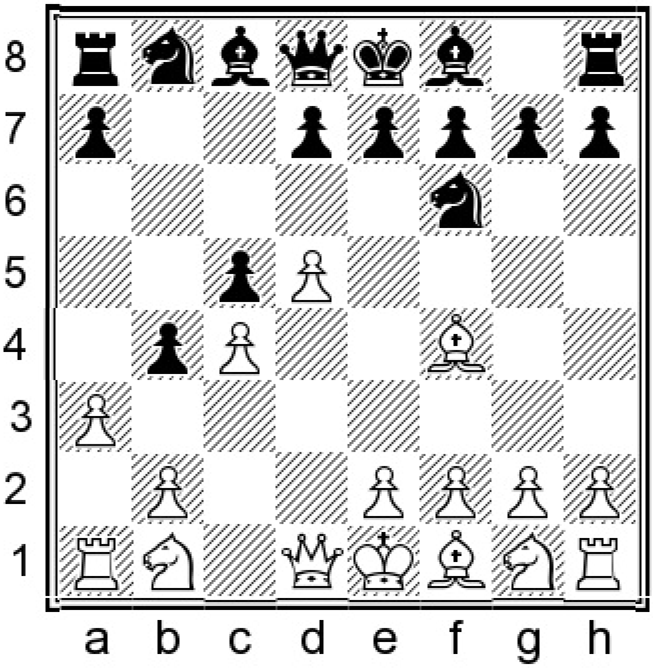
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 c5 3.d5 b5

3...♕b6 - 141/17

4.c4 b4

4...g6 5.cxb5 a6 6.e3 ♗g7 7.♘c3 O-O 8.♘f3 d6 9.♘d2 ♘bd7 10.e4 ♘e8 11.a4 ♘c7 12.♗e2 axb5 13.axb5 ♖xa1 14.♕xa1 f5 15.exf5 ♖xf5 16.♗e3 ♘b6 17.♕a5±

5.a3



5...a5N

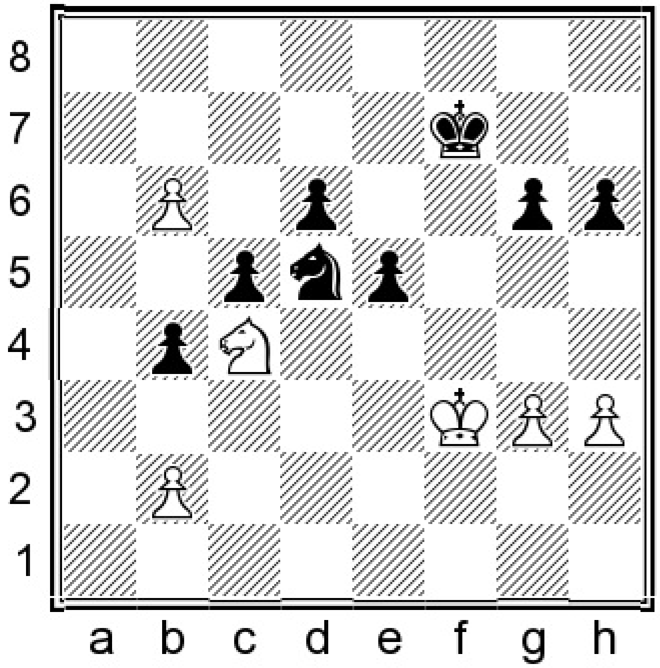
5...g6 6.axb4 cxb4 7.e4!? ♘xe4 8.♕d4 ♘f6 9.♖xa7 ♖xa7 10.♕xa7 ♘a6 11.♘f3 ♗g7 12.♗e2 O-O 13.O-O RR♘e4∞ (13...♘h5∞)

6.♘f3 g6 7.♕c2 d6 8.h3 ♗g7 9.e4 O-O 10.♗d3 ♘a6 11.♕d1 ♘h5 12.♗c1 e5 13.O-O ♗d7 14.♗c2 f5 15.♗a4

15.exf5 gxf5 16.♘xe5! ♗xe5 17.♕xh5±

15...♗c8 16.♖e1 ♘f6 17.♗g5 h6 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♘bd2 ♖a7 20.♗b5 ♕b6 21.♕e2 ♔h7 22.♖a2 ♘c7

23.♗a4 ♘e8 24.axb4 axb4 25.♖ea1 [Δ Be8] **25...♘g7 26.♗c6 ♖ff7 27.♕d1 ♖xa2 28.♖xa2 ♖a7! 29.♕a1 ♖xa2 30.♕xa2 ♕a6 31.♕xa6 ♗xa6 32.g3 ♔g8 33.♗a4 ♗e7 34.♔g2 fxe4 35.♘h2 ♗g5 36.♘hf1 ♗xd2 37.♘xd2∓ ♘f5 38.♗b5 e3 39.fxe3 ♗xb5 40.cxb5 ♘xe3+ 41.♔f3 ♘xd5 42.♘c4 ♔f7 43.b6**



43...e4+! 44.♔xe4 ♔e6 45.b7 ♘f6+ 46.♔d3 ♘d7 47.♘b6 ♘e5+

RR47...♘b8? 48.♔c4 h5 49.b3±

48.♔e4 ♘c6 49.b3 ♘b8= 50.h4

50.♘d5?! ♔d7∓

50...♘a6 51.♘d5 ♔d7 52.g4 ♔c6 53.♘e7+

53.♘f4 g5 54.hxg5 hxg5 55.♘e6=

53...♔xb7

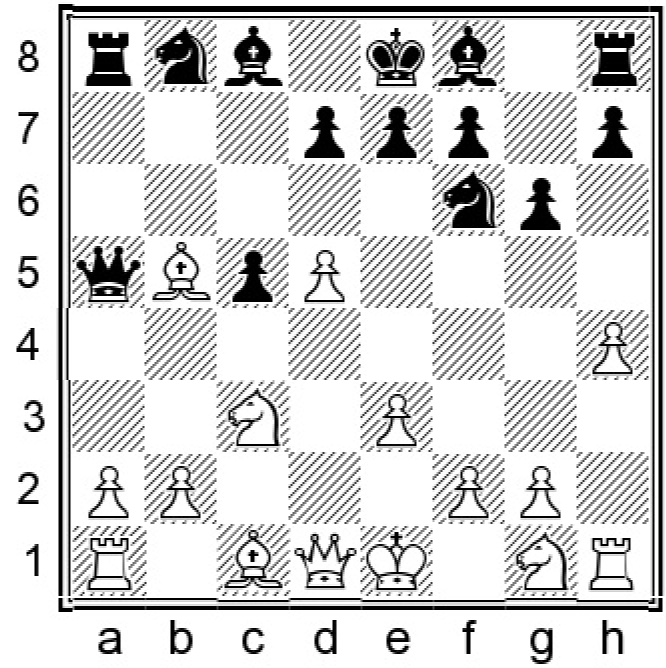
53...♔d7 54.♘xg6 c4 55.bxc4 ♘c5+=

54.♘xg6 ♘b8 55.♘f4 ♘c6 56.g5 hxg5 57.hxg5 ♘e7 58.♘d5 ♘g6 59.♘f4 ♘e7 60.♘d5 ♘g6 61.♘f4 ♘e7 1/2-1/2

30. * A57**
Fataliyeva, Ulviyya (2372) - Perunovic, Milos (2539)
Novi Sad 153/30, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6 6.h4 ♗g7

6...axb5 7.♗xb5 ♕a5+?! (7...♗a6!? 8.♗xa6 (8.♘c3 ♗xb5 9.♘xb5 ♕a5+ 10.♘c3 ♗g7 11.♘e2 O-O 12.O-O ♘a6 13.e4 c4=∞) 8...♘xa6 9.♘c3 ♗g7 10.♘f3 O-O 11.O-O d6 12.e4 ♕d7=∞) 8.♘c3



8...♗a6N (8...♘e4 9.♘e2 ♗g7 10.a4 O-O 11.O-O±) 9.♗xa6 ♕xa6 10.♘ge2 ♗g7 11.O-O O-O 12.a4± So,W (2773)-Sindarov,J (2629) Chennai (ol) 153/(30) 2022

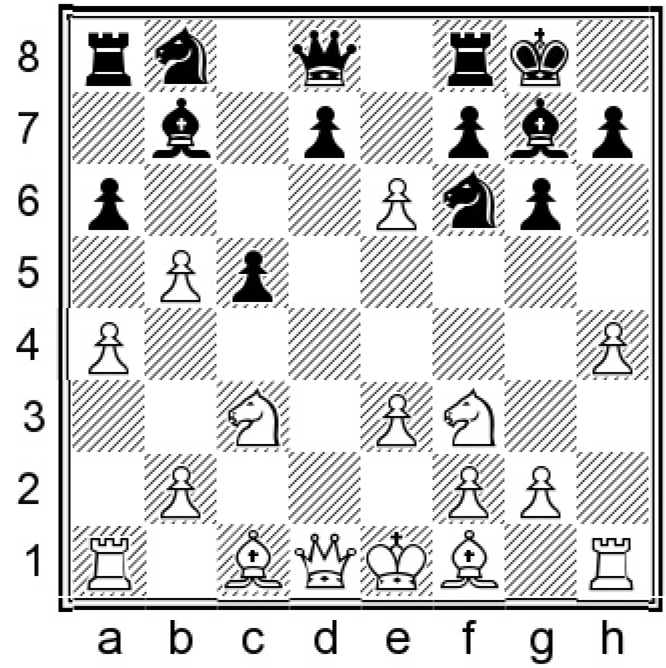
7.♘c3 O-O 8.a4

8.♘f3 - 141/20

8...♗b7

8...d6

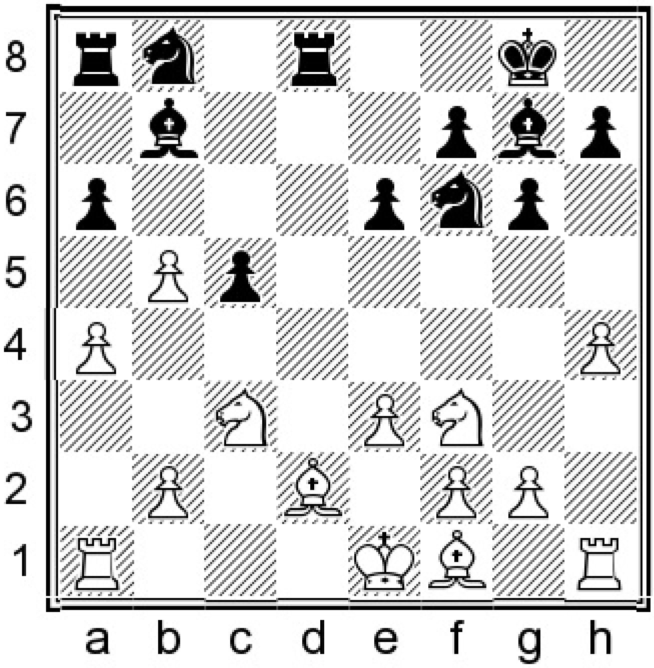
9.♘f3 e6 10.dxe6



10...dxe6!

RR10...fxe6 11.♕d6 axb5 (11...♘e4 12.♘xe4 ♗xe4 13.h5±) 12.♗xb5 ♘e4 13.♘xe4 ♗xe4 14.h5± Perunovic, Milos

11.♕xd8 ♖xd8 12.♗d2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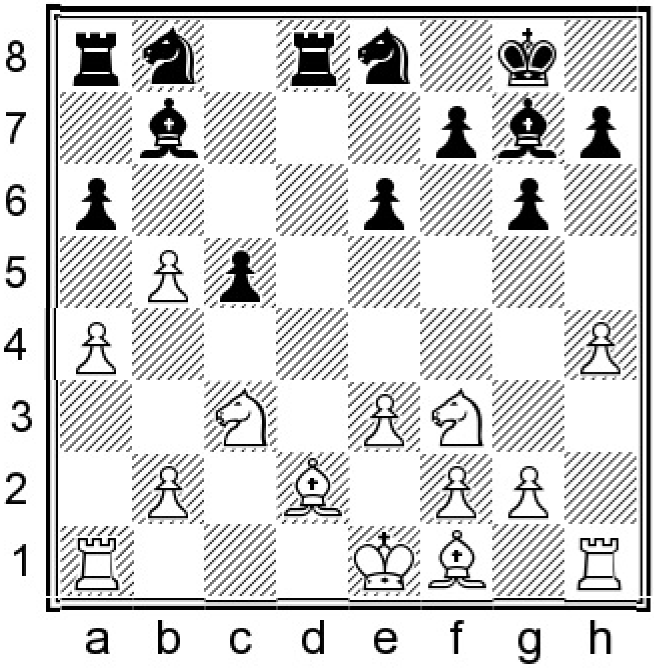
12...axb5N

12...♘e8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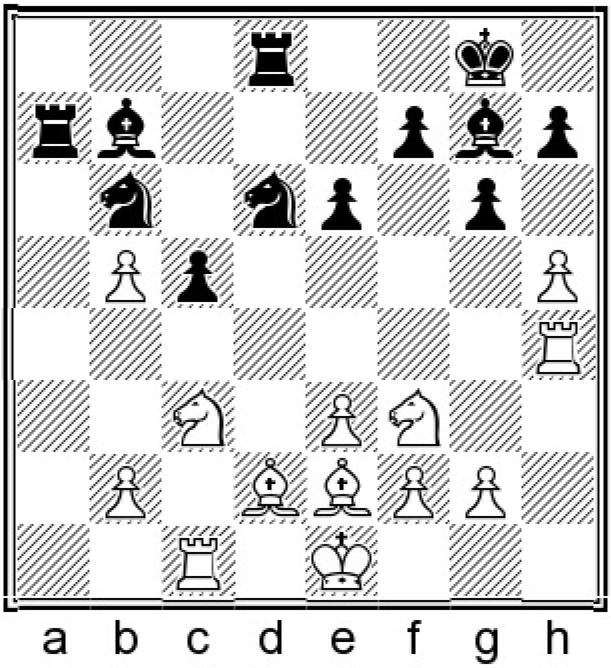
13.♖c1 - 153/(30) (13.h5N axb5 14.♗xb5 ♘d6 15.♗e2 ♘c6 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.♖b1 ♘a5 18.b3 c4 19.bxc4 ♘axc4 20.♖xb7 ♘xd2 21.♖c7 ♘xf3+ 22.♗xf3 ♗xc3+ 23.♖xc3 ♖xa4 1/2 (23) Bontems, C-

Hamilton,D corr 153/(30) 2022) 13...axb5 14.axb5 ♘d7 15.♗e2 ♘b6 16.h5 ♘d6 17.♖h4 ♖a7



18.hxg6N (18.♘d1) 18...hxg6 19.♖g4 ♖da8 20.♘d1 ♖a1 21.♖xc5 ♘a4 22.♖c7 ♘xb2 23.♖b4 ♖xd1+ 1/2 (23) Bullerkotte, F-Ward,R corr 153/(30) 2022

13.♗xb5 ♘c6?!

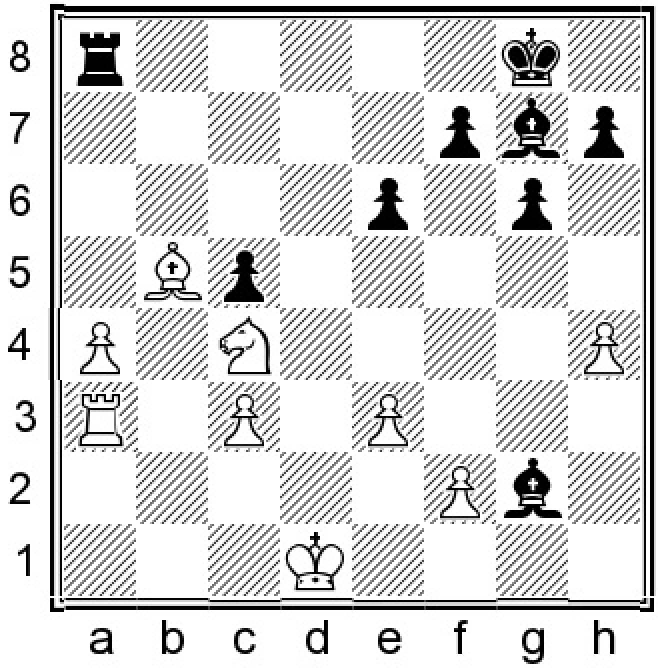
13...♘e8! 14.♔e2 (14.♗e2 ♘d6 15.O-O ♗a6! 16.♗xa6 ♘xa6=∞) 14...♘d6 15.♖hd1 (15.♗d3 c4 16.♗c2 ♘a6=∞) 15...♘c6 16.♗e1 ♘b4 17.♖ab1 ♘d5=∞; 13...♘a6!?

14.♔e2 ♘a5?!

14...♘a7 15.♖hd1 ♘d5 16.♘e1! ♖db8±

15.♖hd1! ♘b3 16.♖a3 ♘xd2 17.♘xd2± ♘d5 18.♘c4 ♖db8

18...♘xc3+ 19.bxc3 ♖xd1 20.♔xd1 ♗xg2



21.♔e2! ♗b7 (21...♗d5 22.a5 ♗xc4+ 23.♗xc4 ♗f6 24.a6 ♖a7 25.♖b3+-) 22.a5 ♗a6 23.♗xa6 ♖xa6 24.♔d3! h5 25.♘b6 ♗f6 26.♔c4 ♗xh4 27.♔b5 ♖a7 28.f4+-

19.♘d6 ♘xc3+ 20.bxc3 ♗xg2 21.f3 e5 22.c4 ♖d8 23.♖ad3 f5 24.e4 ♗h3

24...fxe4 25.♘xe4 ♖d4 26.♘xc5+-

25.♔f2 f4 26.♘b7 ♖d4 27.♘xc5 ♗f6 28.♘b3?

28.♖xd4! ♗xh4+ (28...exd4 29.♘d3+-) 29.♔e2 exd4 30.♘d3!+- g5 (30...♗g3 31.c5 g5 32.c6 h5 33.c7 g4 34.♘e5+-) 31.♘xf4! gxf4 32.♖h1

28...♗xh4+ 29.♔e2 ♖xd3 30.♖xd3 g5! 31.a5

31.♗d7 ♗xd7 32.♖xd7 h5 33.c5 g4 34.c6 g3 35.♔f1 ♖c8 36.c7 ♔f8 37.♖h7 (37.a5 ♗e7 38.a6 ♔e8 39.♖d5 ♖xc7 40.♖xe5 h4 41.♖a5 ♖a7 42.♔g2=) 37...♔g8 38.♖d7 ♔f8=; 31.c5 h5

31...g4

31...♖a7!? 32.a6 g4 33.♘a5 (33.fxg4 ♗xg4+ 34.♔d2 h5 35.c5 ♗e7∞) 33...g3 34.♘c6 g2 35.♖d1 ♖a8 36.a7 ♗g3! 37.♗a6 ♗h2 38.♗b7 ♖xa7 39.♘xa7 g1=♕ 40.♖xg1+ ♗xg1=

32.♗d7 h5 33.c5 ♗g2 34.fxg4 ♗xe4

34...f3+ 35.♖xf3 ♗xf3+ 36.♔xf3 hxg4+ 37.♔xg4 ♗d8 38.♔f5 ♗c7 39.♔e6 ♔f8=

35.♖h3 ♗d8

35...♗g3 36.♘d2 ♗d5 37.♖xh5 ♖xa5 38.c6 ♖c5 39.♘f3 ♗xc6 40.♗xc6 ♖xc6 41.♘xe5=

36.♖xh5 ♗d5 37.♘d2 ♗c7 38.♗f5

38.♘f3 ♖xa5 39.♘xe5=

38...♖xa5 39.♖h7 ♖xc5 40.♖d7 ♗c6 41.♖e7 ♔f8

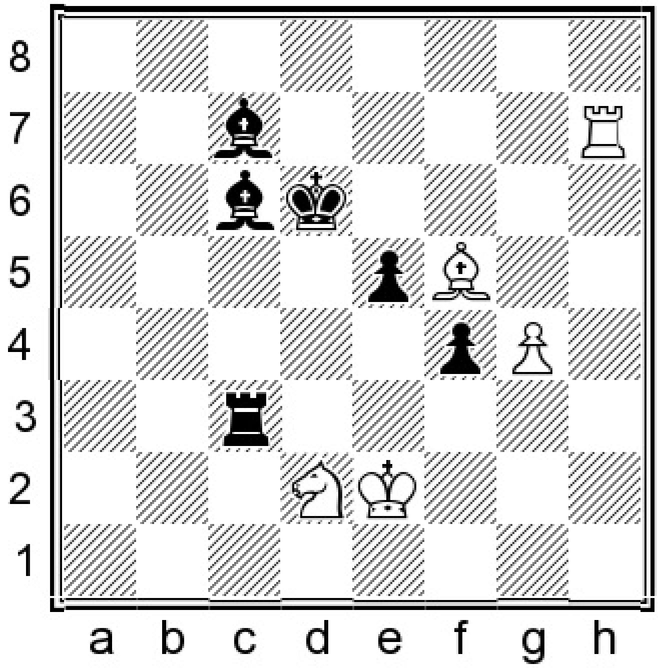
41...♗d8! 42.♖e6 ♔f7 43.♖d6 ♗e7 44.♖h6 ♖c3 45.♖h7+ ♔e8 46.♖h8+ ♗f8 47.g5 ♖e3+ 48.♔f2 ♗d5∓

42.♖h7 ♖c3

42...♗a5 43.♘e4 ♖c2+ (43...♗xe4 44.♗xe4 ♖c3 45.♔f1 ♖e3 46.♗d5=) 44.♔d1 ♗xe4 45.♗xe4 ♖c4 46.♖h8+ ♔e7 (46...♔g7 47.♖h7+ ♔f6 48.♖h6+ ♔g5 49.♖h5+ ♔xg4 50.♖xe5=) 47.♖h7+ ♔d6 48.♖h6+ ♔c7 49.♖h7+ ♔b6 50.♖h6+=

43.♖h8+ ♔g7

43...♔e7 44.♖h7+ ♔d6



45.♖d7+!! ♗xd7 46.♘e4+ ♔e7 47.♘xc3 ♗c6 48.♗e4=

44.♖h7+ ♔f8

44...♔g8 45.♖xc7 ♗b5+ 46.♘c4! ♔h8 47.♗e6 e4=

45.♖h8+ ♔e7 46.♖h7+ ♔f8 1/2-1/2

31. A62
Wageih, Kareim (2387) - Iturrizaga Bonelli, Eduardo (2619)
Chennai (ol) 153/31, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.♘c3 g6 7.♗g2 ♗g7 8.♘f3 O-O 9.O-O ♖e8 10.♗f4 h6 11.h3

11.♖e1 - 101/(47)

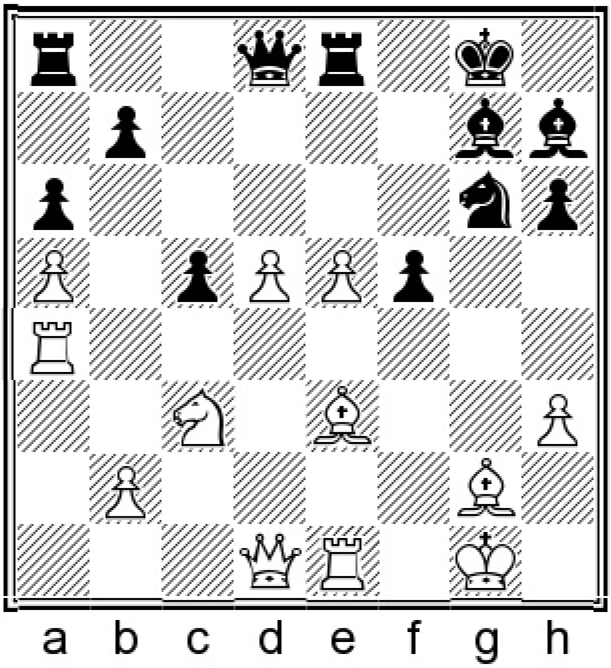
11...a6 12.a4 g5 13.♗c1 ♗f5 14.♘d2 ♘bd7 15.e4 ♗h7 16.♘c4N

16.f4

16...♘b6 17.♘xb6

17.♘d2

17...♕xb6 18.a5 ♕d8 19.♖e1 ♘d7 20.♗e3 ♘e5 21.♖a4 f5 22.f4 gxf4 23.gxf4 ♘g6 24.e5 dxe5 25.fxe5



25.d6 ♘xf4 26.♗xb7 ♕h4 (26...♖b8 27.d7 ♖f8 28.♖xf4!? ♖xb7 29.♕d5+ ♖f7 30.♕xb7 exf4 31.♗xf4 ♖xd7 32.♕xa6∞) 27.♘e2 ♘xe2+ 28.♖xe2 ♕g3+ 29.♔f1 ♖ab8∞

25...♗xe5?!

25...♘xe5! 26.♗xc5 f4! 27.♖f1 (27.♖xf4?? ♘d3-+; 27.♘e4 ♔h8 28.♗f2 ♖c8∞) 27...♘d3 28.♗b6 ♕d7∞

26.♗xc5 ♖c8 27.♗f2?!

27.♗b6! ♕d6 (27...♕g5? 28.d6 ♕g3 29.♘e2 ♕h2+ 30.♔f1 ♗xd6 31.♕d5+ ♔f8 32.♕xb7+-) 28.♔h1 ♗g7 29.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 30.♖c4 ♘e5 31.♗c7 ♕g6 32.♖b4±

27...♕d6?!

27...♗d6! 28.♔h1 ♖xe1+ 29.♕xe1 ♘e5 30.♗g3 ♕f6∞

28.♕f3 ♖e7 29.♔h1 ♖g7 30.♗f1?!

30.♕e3! f4 31.♕b6±

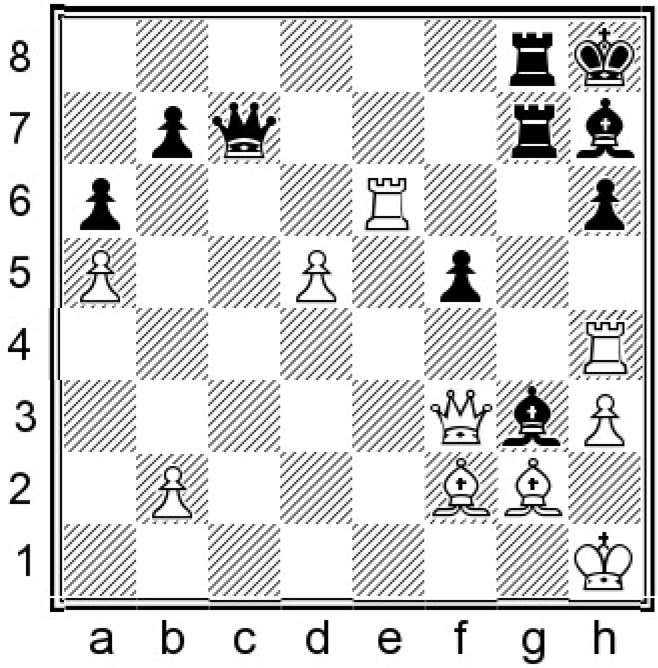
30...♔h8 31.♗g2 ♖cg8 32.♘e2 ♗h2?

32...f4 33.♖g1 ♕f6 34.♖e4 ♖f7 35.♘c3 ♘e7 36.♖ee1 ♘f5 37.♘e4 ♕d8∞

33.♘g3

33.♕a3! ♕xa3 (33...♕b8 34.♘g3+-) 34.♖xa3 ♗d6 35.♖b3+-

33...♘h4 34.♖xh4 ♗xg3 35.♖e6 ♕c7



35...♕d7 36.♖exh6! ♗xh4 37.♖xh4 ♕d8 38.♕c3+-

36.♖hxh6?

36.♕xg3!! ♖xg3 (36...♕xg3 37.♗xg3 ♖xg3 38.♖exh6 ♖8g7 39.d6+-) 37.♗d4+ ♖3g7 (37...♖8g7 38.♖e8+ ♗g8 39.♖xh6#) 38.♖exh6 ♕c1+ 39.♔h2 ♕xh6 40.♖xh6+-

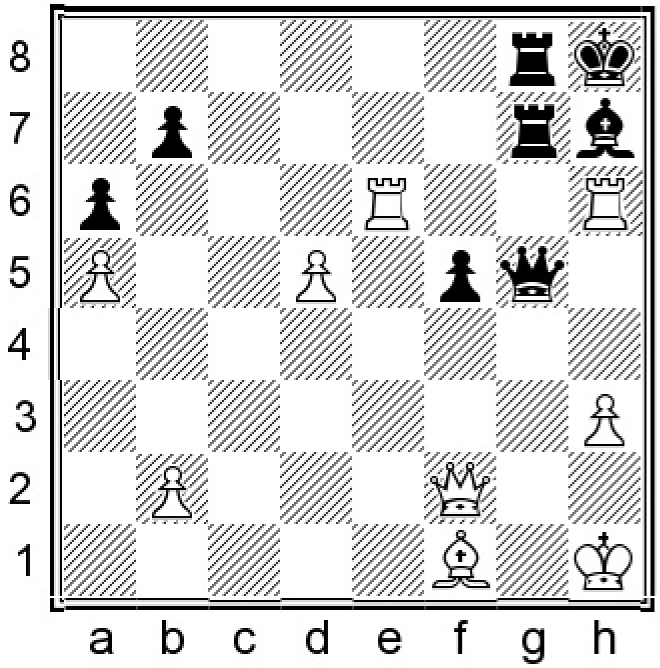
36...♗xf2?

36...♕c1+! 37.♗g1 ♗f4 38.♖xh7+ ♖xh7 39.d6 ♖hg7 40.♕h5+ ♖h7 41.♕xf5 (41.♕f3 ♖hg7=) 41...♖xg2 42.♔xg2 ♖g7+ 43.♖g6 ♕xb2+ 44.♔f3 ♗xd6=

37.♕xf2 ♕c1+

37...♖xg2? 38.♕d4++-

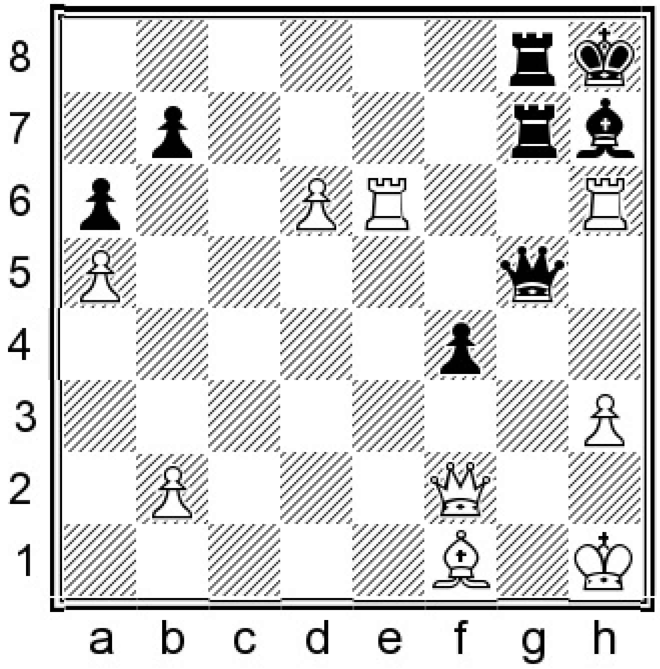
38.♗f1 ♕g5



39.d6?

39.♔h2!!+-

39...f4?



39...♕g1+ 40.♕xg1 ♖xg1+ 41.♔h2 ♖xf1 42.♖e7 ♖g7 43.♖e8+ ♖g8 44.♖e7=

40.♕d4?

40.♔h2!! f3 41.♖h4 ♕f5 42.♖xh7+! ♕xh7 (42...♖xh7 43.♕d4++-) 43.♕d2 ♖g6 44.♕d4+ ♕g7 (44...♖6g7 45.♖e4+-) 45.♕h4+ ♕h7 46.♕xh7+ ♔xh7 47.♗d3+-

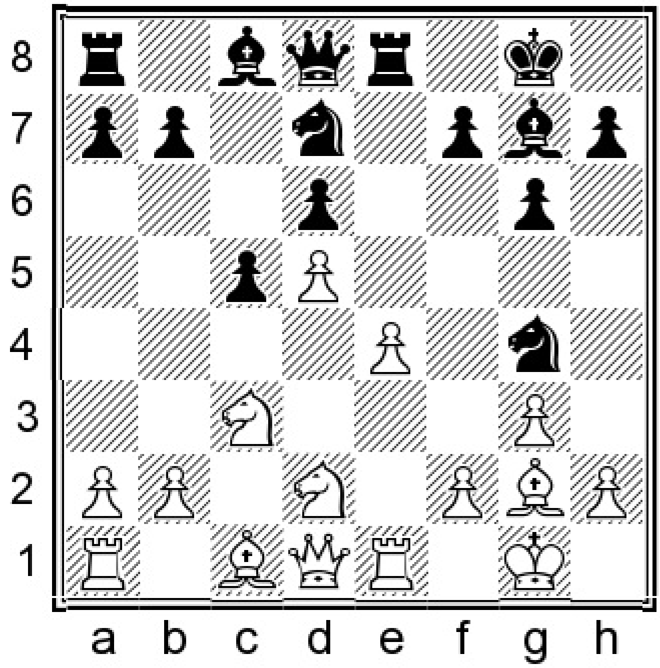
40...♕g1+ 1/2-1/2

32. * A62
Ivanisevic, Ivan (2561) - Durarbayli, Vasif (2638)
Chennai (ol) 153/32, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.♘c3 g6 7.♗g2 ♗g7 8.♘f3 O-O 9.O-O ♖e8 10.♖e1 ♘bd7 11.e4 ♘g4!?

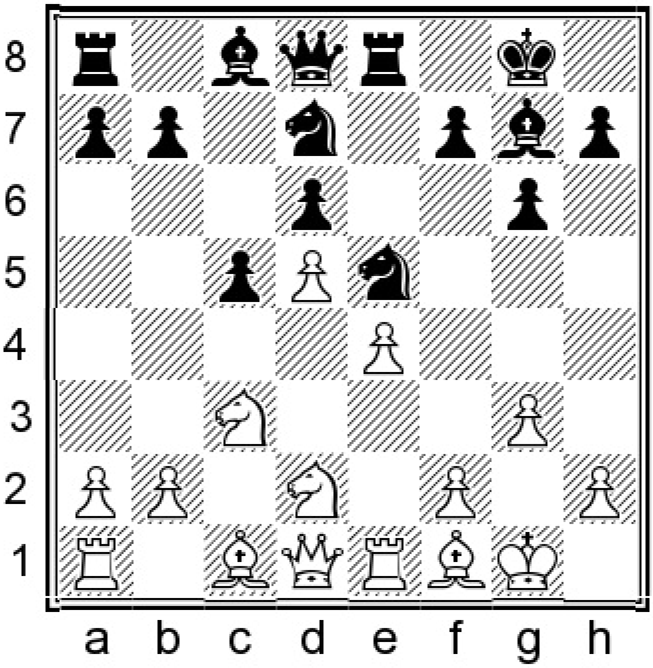
11...a6 - 41/(80), A 63

12.♘d2



12...♘de5!?N

12...♘ge5 - 153/(32) 13.♗f1

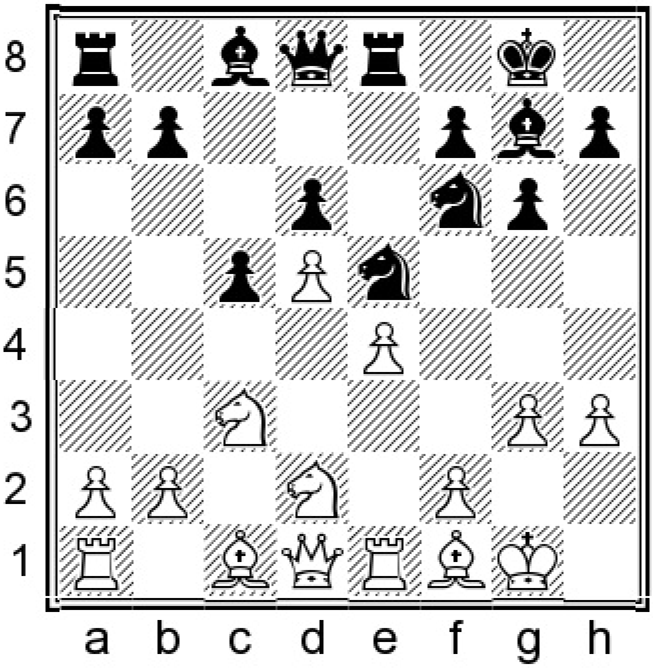


(13.♕e2 f5 14.h3 a6 15.f4 ♘f7 16.a4 ♗d4+ 17.♔h2 ♘f6∞) 13...g5! 14.a4N (14.f4 gxf4 15.gxf4 ♘g6 16.f5 ♘ge5 17.♕h5 ♔h8!⇄) 14...♘f6 (14...♘g6 15.♖a3 (15.♘c4 ♘de5 16.♘e3 ♕f6∞) 15...♘de5 16.h3 ♖f8 17.♘e2 ♕f6 18.♗g2 b6∞) 15.♖a3 ♗g4 16.f3 ♗d7 17.♘c4 ♘xc4 18.♗xc4 h6 19.a5 a6∞ Kozusek,D (2315) -Camacho Collados,J (2414) Wales (ch) 153/(32) 2022

13.h3 ♘f6

13...♘h6!? 14.♗f1 g5 (14...f5 15.f4 ♘ef7 16.♘f3±) 15.g4! ♔h8 16.a4 ♘g8 17.♖a3 ♘e7 18.♘e2 ♘7g6 19.♘g3±

14.♗f1



14...c4! 15.a4 h5!? 16.♖a3?!

16.♕e2! h4 (16...♘d3? 17.♘xc4! ♘xe1 18.♗f4±) 17.g4 Δ♘d3? 18.♘xc4! ♘xe1 19.♗g5!+-

16...a6 17.a5 ♕c7 18.♘f3 ♘fd7 19.♘xe5 ♘xe5 20.♗e3⩲ f5 21.♗b6!?

21.♗d4⩲

21...♕f7 22.f4

22.♖e3!?

22...♘d3! 23.♖e3 ♘xb2?!

23...♗d7! 24.b3! ♗xc3 25.bxc4 ♘b2 26.♕b3 ♗g7 27.e5 dxe5 28.♕xb2 exf4 29.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 30.♗d4 fxg3 31.♖xg3∞

24.♕e1?!

24.♕e2 ♘d3 25.♕a2 ♘b4 26.♕b1 ♘d3=

24...fxe4?!

24...♘d3! 25.♗xd3 cxd3 26.e5 dxe5 27.fxe5 ♕e7 28.d6 ♕f7⩱

25.♘xe4 ♗d7 26.♘g5?

26.♕d2 ♘a4 27.♘xd6 ♖xe3 28.♕xe3⩲

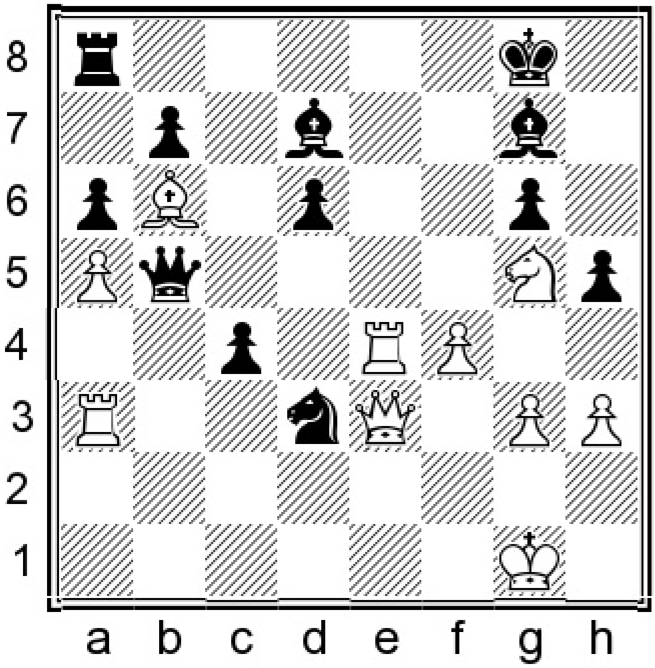
26...♕xd5?

26...♕f6! 27.♕b4 h4!∓

27.♗g2 ♕f5 28.♗e4 ♖xe4 29.♖xe4 ♘d3 30.♕e3?!

30.♖xd3! cxd3 31.♖e7! ♗f6 32.♘f7! d2 33.♘h6+ ♔h8 34.♕xd2 ♕b1+ 35.♖e1 ♕b3 36.♖e3=

30...♕b5?!



30...♘c5 31.♗xc5 dxc5 32.♖c3! ♗b5! 33.♖cxc4 ♗xc4 34.♖xc4∓

31.♖e7! ♖e8 32.♖xg7+??

32.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 33.♕e6+ ♔h8 34.♕xd6 ♕b1+ 35.♔h2 c3 36.♕e7 ♕c2+ 37.♔g1 ♕b1+ 38.♔h2=

32...♔xg7 33.♕d4+ ♔g8 34.♖a1 ♕b2?

34...♖e2! 35.♕f6 ♕f5 36.♕d8+ ♖e8 37.♕c7 ♘xf4!-+

35.♕xc4+ ♗e6 36.♕d4 ♕xd4+ 37.♗xd4 ♗d5?!

37...♗c4∓

38.♖d1 ♖e1+?

38...♗c4∓

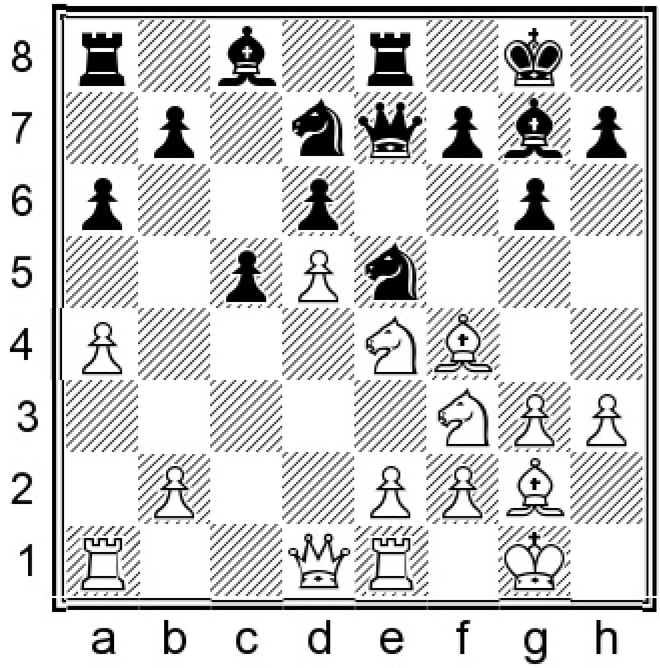
39.♖xe1 ♘xe1 40.♔f2 ♘d3+ 41.♔e3 ♘b4= 42.♗c3 ♘c6 43.g4 ♘e7 44.♗b4 ♘c6 45.♗c3 ♘e7 46.♗b4 1/2-1/2

33. A62
Dardha, Daniel (2540) - Indjic, Aleksandar (2605)
Deutschland 153/33, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.♘c3 g6 7.♗g2 ♗g7 8.♘f3 O-O 9.O-O ♖e8 10.♖e1 a6 11.a4 ♘bd7 12.♗f4 ♘g4 13.h3

13.♗xd6? ♕b6 14.♗f4 c4! 15.e3 ♕xb2∓; 13.a5 - 142/25

13...♘ge5 14.♘e4 ♕e7



15.♕c1N

15.♖c1

15...b6

15...♖b8 16.h4 (16.a5 b6 17.axb6 ♖xb6∞) 16...b5 17.axb5 ♖xb5 18.♘xe5 ♘xe5 19.♗g5 f6 20.♗d2 ♖b8 21.♗c3 h6∞

16.h4 ♗b7 17.♘xe5 ♘xe5 18.♖d1?!

18.♗g5 f6 19.♗d2 ♗c8 20.♗c3 ♗f5∞

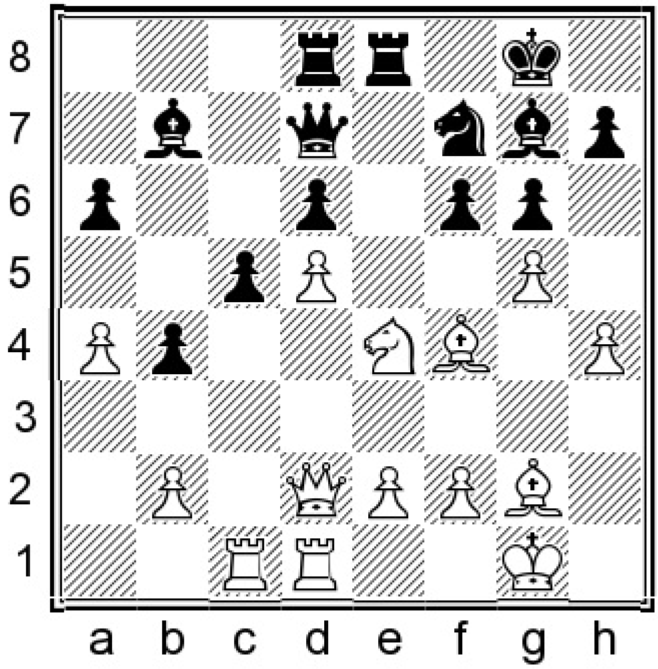
18...b5

18...♗c8!

19.♗g5?

19.axb5 axb5 20.♖xa8 ♖xa8 21.h5 gxh5!? 22.♕e3 ♖a6∞

19...f6 20.♗f4 ♘f7 21.♕d2 b4 22.♖ac1 ♖ad8 23.g4 ♕d7 24.g5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24...♖xe4! 25.♗xe4 ♕g4+ 26.♗g2 ♕xh4

26...♖e8! 27.♗g3 fxg5 28.♗f3 ♕d7 29.hxg5 ♕xa4∓

27.♕e3?

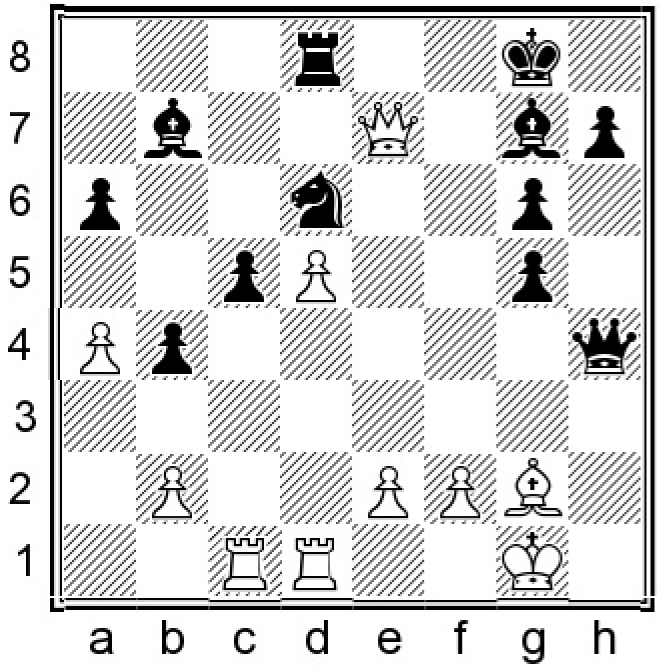
27.gxf6 ♗xf6 28.♖c4! ♗c8! 29.b3 ♕h5 30.♗g3 ♖e8 31.♗f3 ♕h3∓

27...fxg5 28.♗xd6?

28.♗g3 ♕g4 29.b3 ♕f5 30.♖c4 ♘e5 31.♖e4 h5∓

28...♘xd6 29.♕e6+

29.♕e7



29...♖f8! 30.♕xd6 ♕xf2+ 31.♔h1 ♗c8 32.♖f1 (32.♕xc5 ♕h4+ 33.♔g1 ♗e5-+) 32...♕h4+ 33.♕h2 ♕xh2+ 34.♔xh2 ♗xb2 35.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 36.♖xc5 ♗f5 37.e4 ♗e5+ 38.♔h1 ♗g4-+

29...♔f8

29...♘f7 30.♕e7 (30.♖xc5 ♗d4-+) 30...♗c8 31.♕xc5 ♗e5-+

30.♖xc5 g4 31.♖c7 ♗c8 32.♕e3 ♖e8 33.♕f4+ ♕f6 34.♕xb4 ♔g8 35.♖dc1

35.♖c6 ♗f8-+

35...♗f8 36.♕c3 ♕f4 37.e4 a5 38.♕xa5 ♗f5?

38...♘xe4 39.♗xe4 (39.♕e1 ♘d6 40.♕c3 ♗f5-+) 39...g3 40.fxg3 ♕xg3+ 41.♗g2 ♖e2-+

39.exf5 ♖e2 40.♖f1 g3 41.♕b6 ♘xf5

41...♕h4 42.fxg3 ♕xg3 43.♖f2 ♖e1+ 44.♖f1 ♖e2 45.♖f2=; 41...♘c4 42.♖xc4 ♕xc4 43.b3 ♕f4 44.fxg3 ♕xg3 45.♖f2 ♖e1+ 46.♖f1 ♖e2=

42.d6 ♘d4 43.fxg3 ♕e3+

43...♕xg3 44.♕b7 ♕e3+ 45.♔h1 ♕h6+ 46.♔g1 ♕e3+=

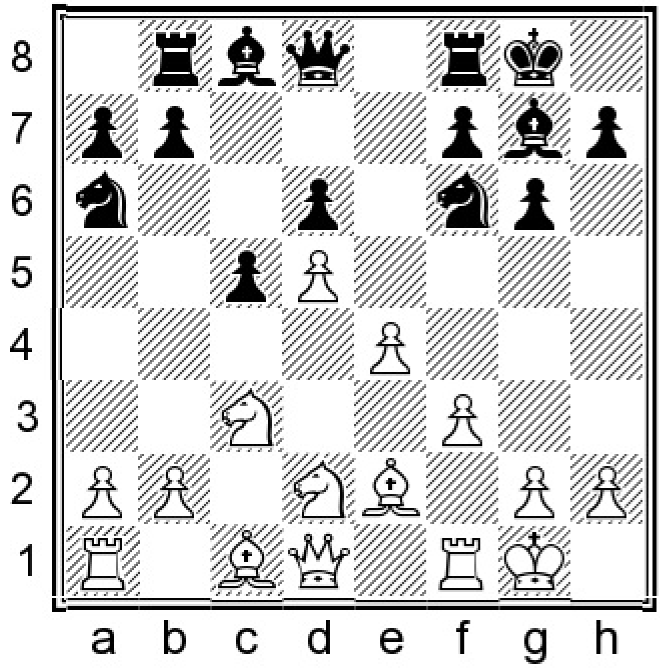
44.♔h1 ♕h6+ 45.♔g1 ♕e3+ 46.♔h1 ♕h6+ 47.♔g1 1/2-1/2

34. A73
Sanchez, Sebastian Felipe (2430) - Edouard, Romain (2551)
Sants 153/34, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.♘c3 exd5 6.cxd5 g6 7.♘d2 ♗g7 8.e4 O-O 9.♗e2 ♘a6 10.O-O ♖b8!?

10...♘c7 - 149/22

11.f3



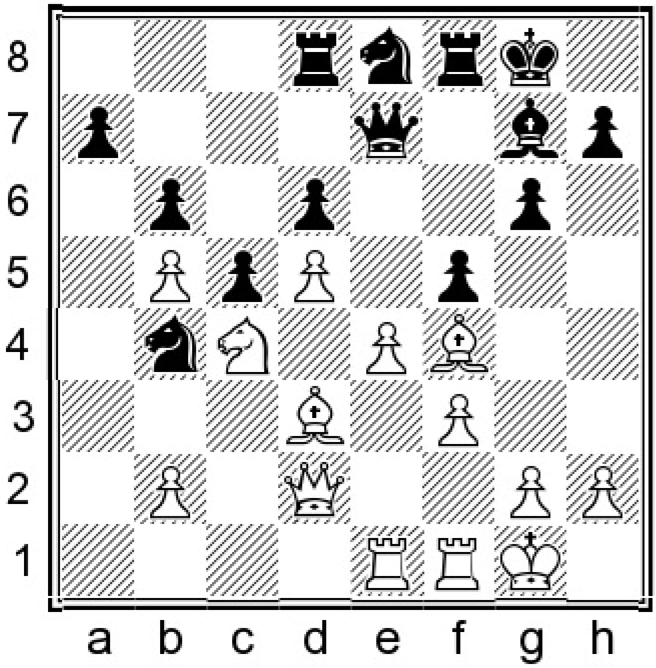
11...♗d7N

11...♘c7

12.♘c4 ♘e8 13.a4 ♘b4 14.♗f4 ♕e7 15.♕d2 b6 16.♘b5 ♗xb5 17.axb5 f5 18.♗d3

18.♗g5! ♗f6 (18...♕f7? 19.e5! dxe5 20.d6 ♕d7 21.♗d1 ♔h8 22.♗b3+-) 19.♗xf6 ♖xf6 (19...♘xf6? 20.e5! dxe5 21.d6 ♕e6 22.♖xa7+-) 20.♖fe1 fxe4 21.♗f1 ♘g7 22.♖xe4 ♕f7 23.♖ae1±

18...♖d8 19.♖ae1



19...♘xd3?!

19...fxe4! 20.fxe4 (20.♗xe4 ♕d7∞) 20...♖xf4! 21.♖xf4 ♗h6 22.♖ef1 (22.g3 ♗xf4 23.gxf4 ♘xd3 24.♕xd3 ♘c7∞) 22...♘xd3 23.♕xd3 ♗xf4 24.♖xf4 ♘f6∞

20.♕xd3 ♕d7 21.♕b3 fxe4 22.fxe4 ♗d4+ 23.♔h1 ♕g4 24.♕f3

24.h3! ♕h4 25.♕g3 ♕xg3 (25...♕e7 26.♖f3±) 26.♗xg3 ♖xf1+ 27.♖xf1±

24...♕d7 25.♕b3 ♕e7 26.h3?!

26.♕g3±

26...♘g7 27.e5!?

27.♕d3 ♘h5 28.♗h2 ♖xf1+ 29.♖xf1 ♘f6 30.♖e1 ♘xd5 31.♗xd6 ♕e6 32.e5∞

27...♘h5 28.exd6

28.♗h2 ♖xf1+ 29.♖xf1 ♖f8 30.♖xf8+ (30.♖d1 ♕g5 31.exd6 ♖f2 32.♖g1 ♘f6∞) 30...♕xf8 31.♕d1 dxe5 32.♘xe5 ♘f6∞

28...♕f6 29.g3?

29.♗e5 ♕xf1+ 30.♖xf1 ♖xf1+ 31.♔h2 ♗g1+ 32.♔h1 ♖c1! 33.g4 (33.♕d3 ♗d4+ 34.♔h2 ♖xc4-+) 33...♖f8!-+; 29.♔h2! ♘xf4 30.g3 ♕g5 (30...♖fe8 31.♕d1!∞) 31.gxf4 ♕xd5 32.♕c2 a6!↑

29...♕f5?

29...g5! 30.♕f3 (30.♗e5 ♕xf1+ 31.♖xf1 ♖xf1+ 32.♔g2 ♖f2+ 33.♔h1 ♖df8 34.♗xd4 cxd4-+) 30...♘g7 31.♕g4 gxf4 32.♖xf4 ♕g6-+

30.♔h2 ♕xd5 31.♕c2 ♘xf4 32.gxf4 ♖de8 33.♖xe8?

33.♖e2! ♔g7 34.b3 a6!? (34...♕f5 35.♕d1 ♖e4 36.♖xe4 ♕xe4 37.♕f3=) 35.bxa6 b5 36.♘a3 ♕xd6 37.♘xb5 ♕xa6 38.♘xd4 cxd4 39.♖fe1!=

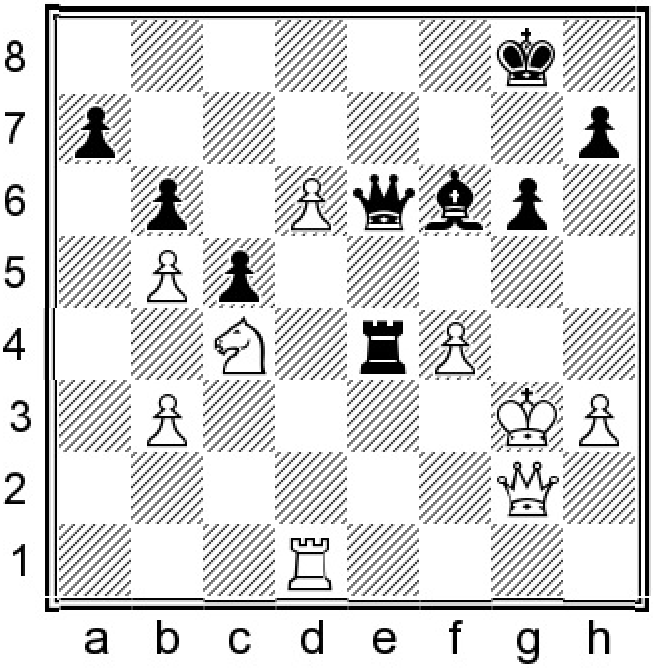
33...♖xe8 34.♔g3 ♖e4?

34...♔g7! 35.b3 a6! 36.bxa6 b5 37.♘e5 ♕xd6∓

35.♕g2! ♗f6

35...♗f2+ 36.♖xf2 ♕xc4 37.d7 ♕d3+ 38.♔h2 ♖d4 39.♕a8+ ♔g7 40.f5=

36.b3 ♕e6 37.♖d1?



37.♔h2 ♖e2 (37...♗d4?? 38.d7+-) 38.♖f2 ♖xf2 39.♕xf2 ♗d4 40.♕f3=

37...♗h4+!-+ 38.♔f3

38.♔xh4 ♕f6+-+; 38.♔h2 ♖e2-+

38...g5! 39.♕c2 ♖xf4+ 40.♔g2 g4 41.d7 ♗d8 42.♘d6 ♕e3 43.♕d3 ♕f2+ 44.♔h1 ♖d4 45.♘e4 ♕f4 0-1

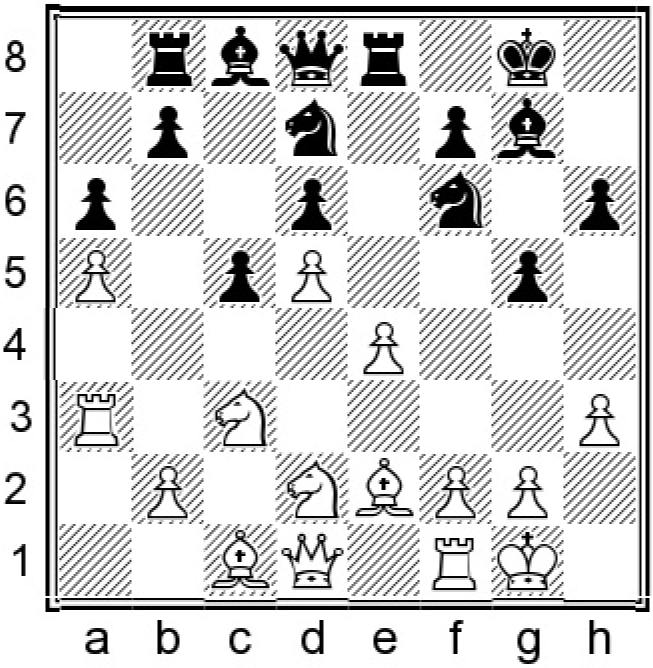
A75-A99

35. A77
Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2750) - Indjic, Aleksandar (2620)
Chennai (ol) 153/35, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.♘c3 exd5 6.cxd5 g6 7.♘d2 ♗g7 8.e4 O-O 9.♗e2 ♖e8 10.O-O ♘bd7 11.a4 a6 12.♖a3 ♖b8 13.a5 h6

13...♕c7 - 32/ (143)

14.h3 g5



15.♘c4N

15.f4! gxf4 16.♘c4 ♘e5 17.♗xf4 ♘xc4 18.♗xc4 b5 19.axb6 ♖xb6 20.♕e2±

15...♘xe4 16.♘xe4 ♖xe4 17.♘xd6 ♖d4 18.♕c2 ♘f6 19.♘xc8 ♖xc8 20.♗e3

20.♗c4!? ♘xd5 21.♖f3 ♖c7 22.♗e3 ♘b4 23.♕b3 ♖dd7 24.♗xc5 ♖xc5 25.♗xf7+ ♔h8 26.♕xb4 ♖d1=∞

20...♖xd5 21.f4 gxf4

21...g4!? 22.hxg4 ♕d7 23.g5 ♘g4 24.♗xg4 ♕xg4 25.gxh6 ♗xh6∞

22.♗xf4 ♘h5 23.♗h2?!

23.♗xh5 ♖xh5 24.♖g3 ♖c6 25.♕e2 ♖d5∞; 23.♖af3 ♘xf4 24.♖xf4 ♖d2 25.♕c4 ♔h8!∞

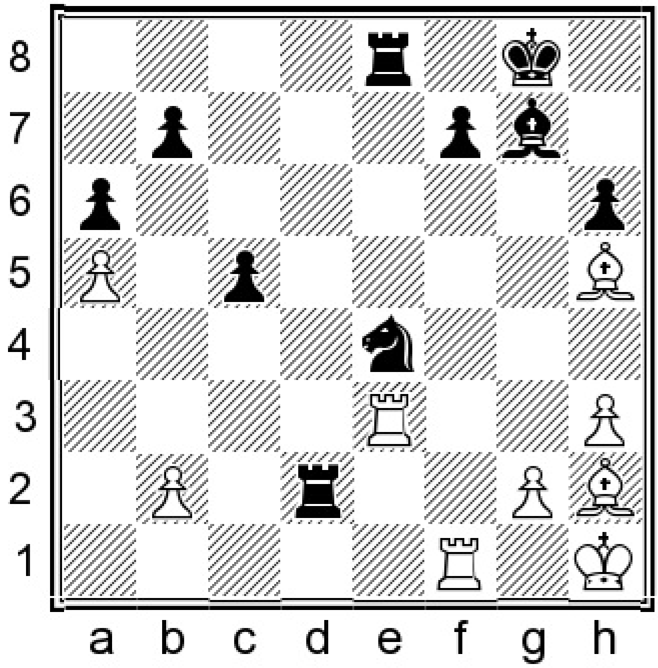
23...♖d2 24.♕c4

24.♕f5 ♖xe2 25.♕xh5 ♕e8 26.♖af3 ♖e1∓

24...♕d4+ 25.♔h1 ♘f6 26.♖b3 ♕e4 27.♕xe4 ♘xe4 28.♖e3?

28.♗h5 ♘f2+ 29.♔g1 ♗d4 30.♗g3 ♘xh3+ (30...♘e4+ 31.♔h2 ♘xg3 32.♗xf7+ ♔h7 33.♔xg3 ♖c7 34.♗e6=) 31.♔h2 ♘g5 32.♖xb7 ♖xb2 33.♖d7=∞

28...♖e8! 29.♗h5



29...♖f2?

29...♖e7! 30.♖ef3 (30.♖fe1 f5-+) 30...♖dd7 31.♗g4 ♘d2 32.♗xd7 ♘xf1 33.♖xf1 ♖xd7-+

30.♖fe1! ♗d4

30...♖xb2 31.♖xe4 ♖xe4 32.♖xe4 ♖b1+ 33.♗g1 ♗d4 34.♖g4+ ♔f8 35.♖xd4 cxd4 36.♔h2∓

31.♖xe4 ♖xe4 32.♖xe4 ♖f1+ 33.♗g1 ♖xg1+

33...♗xg1! 34.♖e2! ♔f8 35.g3 ♗d4+ 36.♔g2 ♖f6 37.♗f3 b5 38.b3∓

34.♔h2 ♖b1 35.♖e8+ ♔g7 36.♖e7 ♖xb2 37.♖xf7+ ♔g8 38.♔g3 c4

38...♗c3 39.♖f5 ♗xa5 40.♖xc5 ♗b4 41.♖f5∓

39.♔f3 ♖b5

39...c3 40.♖c7 ♖b5 41.♗g6 ♗e5 42.♖c8+ ♔g7 43.♗e4∓

40.♖f4 ♖xh5 41.♖xd4 ♖xa5

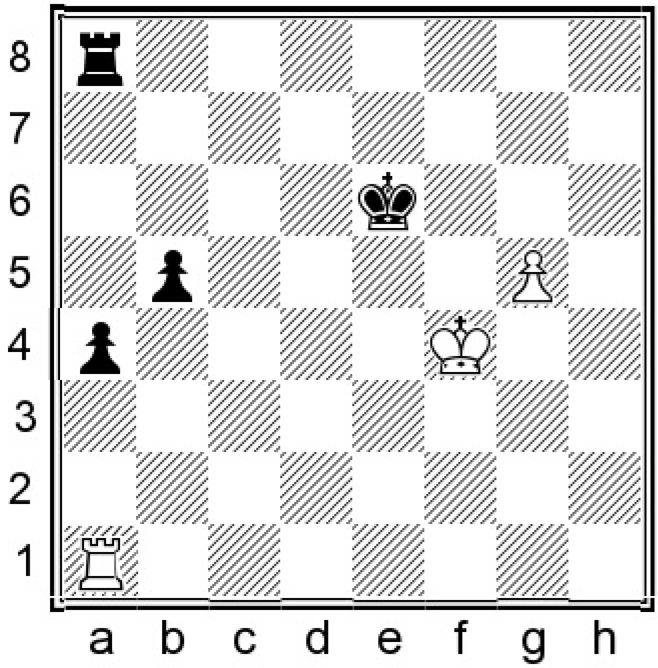
41...♖c5 42.♔e2∓

42.♖xc4 ♖b5 43.g4= a5 44.h4 ♔f7 45.♔f4 ♔f6 46.♖d4 ♖b6

46...♖b4 47.♖xb4 axb4 48.♔e4 b3 49.♔d3 ♔e5 50.♔c3 ♔f4 51.g5=

47.♔e4 ♔e6 48.g5 hxg5 49.hxg5 ♖b1

49...♖b5! 50.♔f4 (50.g6? ♖g5 51.♖d1 ♖g4+! (51...♖xg6? 52.♖b1=) 52.♔e3 (52.♔d3 ♔d6!-+) 52...♖xg6 53.♖b1 ♖g7 54.♖b6+ ♔d5 55.♖b5+ ♔c4 56.♖xa5 b5-+) 50...♖f5+ 51.♔g4 ♖f8 52.♖a4! (52.g6 b5! 53.♔g5 b4 54.g7 ♖g8 55.♔g6 b3 56.♔h7 ♖xg7+ 57.♔xg7 b2 58.♖d1 a4-+) 52...♖a8 53.♔f4 b5 54.♖a1 a4

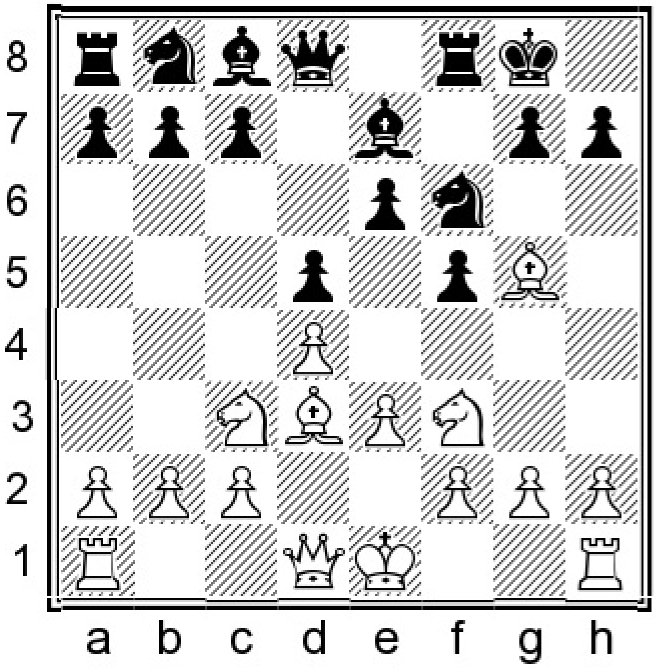


55.♔e3!! (55.♖b1 a3 56.♔e3 b4 57.♔d3 b3-+; 55.♔e4 ♖g8 56.♖g1 b4 57.♔d4 ♖c8 58.g6 b3 59.g7 (59.♖b1 ♔f6-+) 59...b2-+) 55...♖g8! 56.♖g1 b4 (56...♔d5 57.♔d3 b4 58.g6=) 57.♔d2! ♖c8 58.♖g4 ♖b8 59.♔c1 ♔f5 60.♖c4! ♔xg5 61.♖c5+ ♔f6 (61...♔f4 62.♔b2 ♔e3 63.♖a5 a3+ 64.♔b3=) 62.♖a5 a3 63.♔c2 b3+ 64.♔b1 a2+ 65.♔b2=

50.♖d8 a4 51.♖e8+ ♔f7 52.♖a8 ♖a1 53.♔f5 a3 54.♖a7 a2 55.♖xb7+ ♔e8 56.♖b8+ ♔d7 57.♖b7+ ♔d6 58.♖b6+ ♔d7 59.♖b7+ ♔d6 60.♖b6+ ♔c7 61.♖a6 ♖f1+ 62.♔e6 a1=♕ 63.♖xa1 ♖xa1 64.g6 ♖g1 65.♔f7 ♔d7 66.g7 ♖f1+ 67.♔g6 ♖g1+ 68.♔f7 ♖xg7+ 69.♔xg7 1/2-1/2

36. * A80
Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2750) - Ivanchuk, Vassily (2678)
europe-echecs.com (m/6-blitz) 153/36, 2022

1.d4 f5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♗g5 d5 4.e3 e6 5.♘f3 ♗e7 6.♗d3 O-O



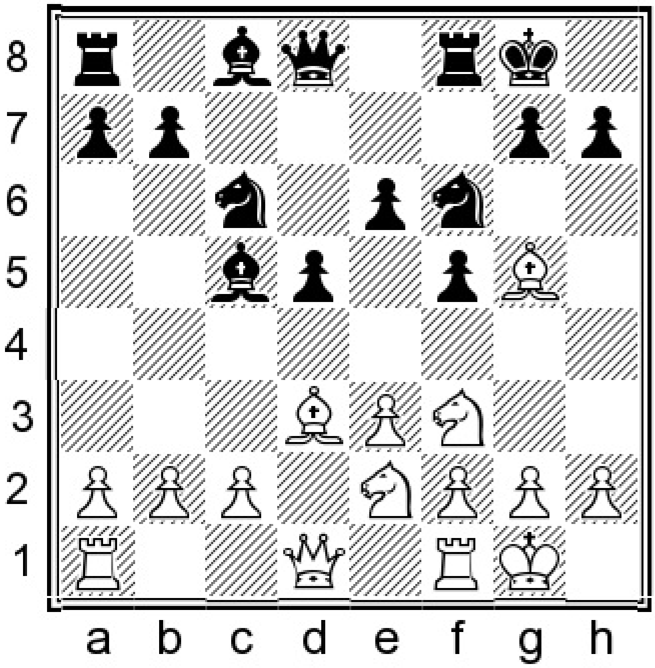
7.♘e2!?

7.O-O - 139/32

7...c5 8.dxc5

8.c4!?

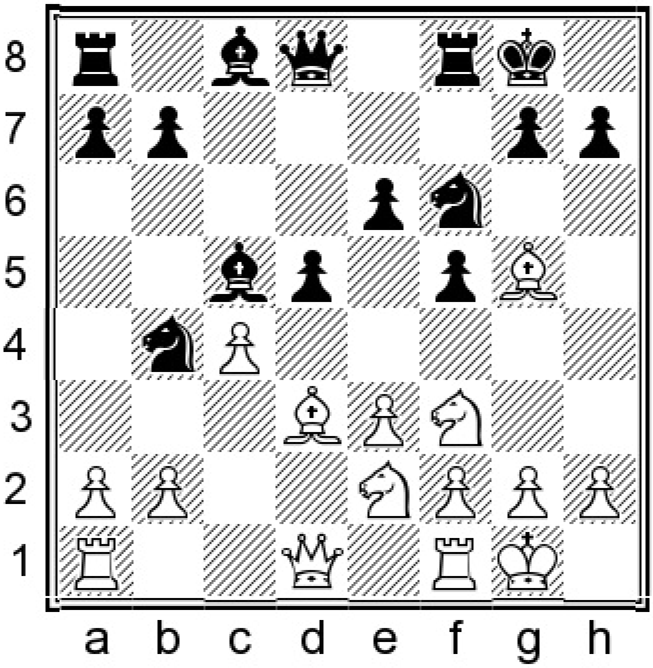
8...♗xc5 9.O-O ♘c6N



9...♕b6

10.c4!± dxc4

10...♘b4



11.♗xf6!? (11.♘f4 ♘xd3 (11...h6 12.♗xf6 ♕xf6 13.cxd5 ♘xd5 14.♘xd5 exd5 15.♖c1±) 12.♕xd3 dxc4 13.♕xc4 ♕e7 14.♖ac1 ♗b6 15.♖fd1 ♗d7 16.♘e5 ♖ac8 17.♕b3 ♖xc1 18.♖xc1 ♗c8 19.g4!? fxg4 20.♘xg4± Galperin,P (2518)-Piorun,K (2627) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(36) 2022) 11...♕xf6 12.cxd5 ♘xd5 13.♗c4±

11.♗xc4 ♕e7 12.a3

12.♘ed4!? ♘xd4 13.exd4 ♗b6 14.♕b3 ♕d6 15.♖fe1 ♘e4 16.♗e3 ♗d7 17.♘e5±

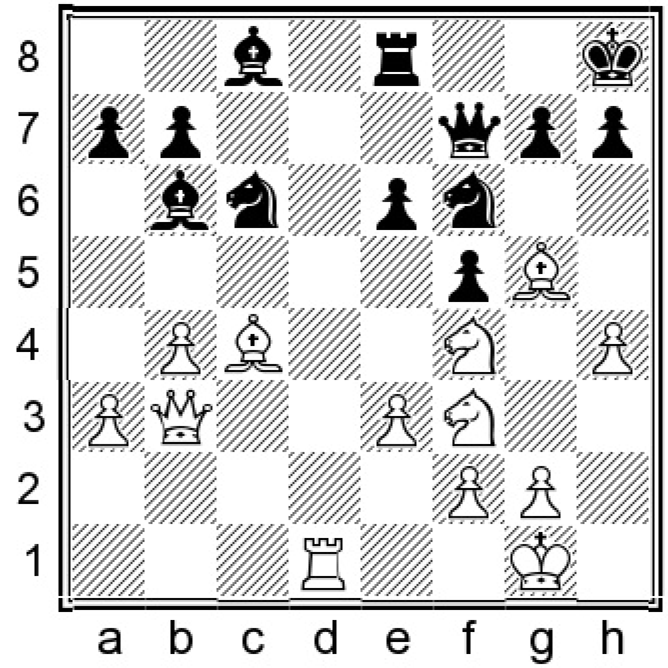
12...♔h8 13.♖c1

13.♘f4 ♗b6 14.b4 ♗d7 15.♕b3 ♖ae8 16.♖fd1±

13...♗b6 14.♘f4± ♗d7 15.b4 ♖ad8 16.♕b3 ♖fe8 17.♖fd1 ♗c8 18.h4

18.♖xd8 ♗xd8 19.b5 ♘a5 20.♕a4 ♘xc4 21.♕xc4 e5 22.♕xc8+-

18...♖xd1+ 19.♖xd1 ♕f7



20.♗xf6!+- ♕xf6 21.♘g5 ♘d8

21...♘e5 22.♗b5 ♖e7 23.♕c2 ♖c7 24.♕d2 ♘c6 25.♗c4 ♘d4 26.exd4 ♖xc4 27.♕e2 ♖xd4 28.♖c1 ♗d7 29.♕h5 h6 30.♖c8+! ♗d8 31.♖xd8+

22.a4 h6 23.a5 ♗c7 24.♗b5 ♖f8 25.♕c4 ♘c6 26.♘gxe6 ♗xe6 27.♘xe6 ♖f7 28.♘xc7

28.♗xc6! bxc6 29.♕xc6 ♔h7 30.♕c4

28...♖xc7 29.a6

29.♗a4 a6 30.♗b3 ♖c8 31.g3

29...bxa6 30.♗xa6 ♖e7 31.h5 ♔h7 32.b5?!

32.♗b5 ♖e6 33.♕c5

32...♘e5 33.♕f4 ♖c7 34.♔h2?

34.b6 axb6 35.♗d3 ♖f7 36.♗c2

34...♘g4+ 35.♔g3

35.♔g1 ♖c5 36.f3 ♖d5 37.♖f1 ♘e5±

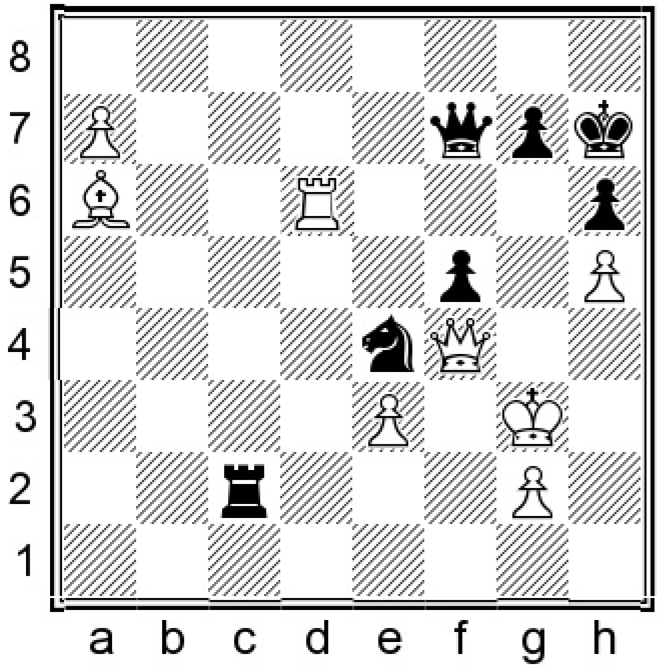
35...♖c2 36.♖d6?

36.♗b7 ♘xf2 37.♖d7 ♕g5+ 38.♕xg5 hxg5 39.♖f7 ♘e4+=

36...♕f7-+ 37.b6 ♘xf2?!

37...♕xh5! 38.♕xf5+ ♕xf5 39.♗d3 ♕xd3 40.♖xd3 ♘f6 41.bxa7 ♖a2

38.bxa7 ♘e4+



39.♕xe4

39.♔h2! ♕xh5+ 40.♔g1 ♖a2 41.♖xh6+ gxh6□ 42.♕c7+ ♔g6 43.♕b6+ ♔g5 44.♕d8+=

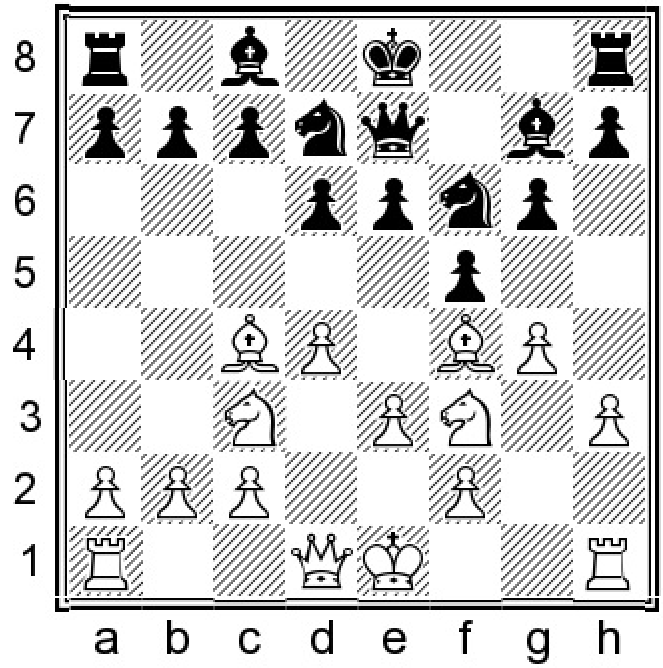
39...fxe4 40.a8=♕ ♕f2+ 41.♔g4 ♕xg2+ 42.♔f5 ♕g5+ 43.♔e6 ♕f6+ 44.♔d5 ♕f5+ 45.♔d4 ♕c5+ 46.♔xe4 ♕xd6 47.♗d3 ♖d2 48.♗b1 ♕b4+ 49.♔f3+ ♕xb1 0-1

37. A80
Iturrizaga Bonelli, Eduardo (2619) - Rasmussen, Allan Stig (2550)
Chennai (ol) 153/37, 2022

1.d4 f5 2.♗f4 ♘f6 3.e3 d6 4.♘f3

4.♘c3 - 138/38

4...g6 5.♗c4 ♗g7 6.h3 e6 7.g4 ♕e7 8.♘c3 ♘bd7



9.♗b3!?N

9.gxf5

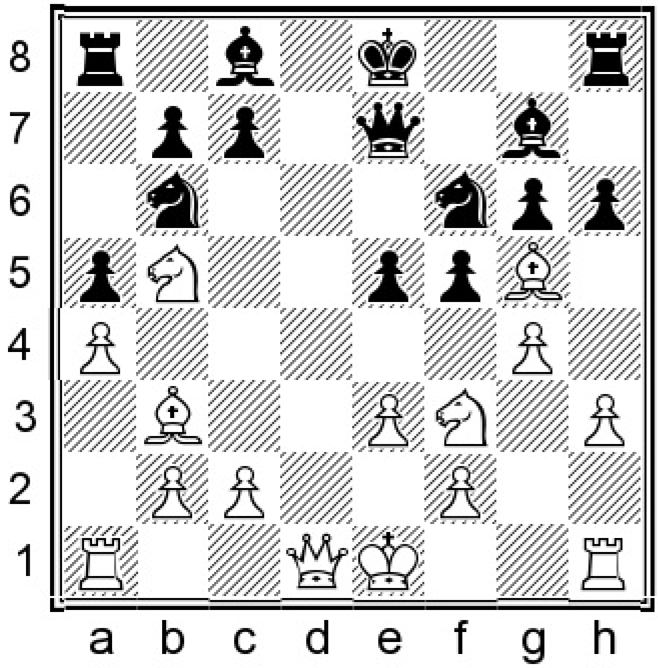
9...e5!?

9...♘b6 10.a4 a5 11.gxf5 (11.♕d3) 11...exf5 12.h4 ♗e6 13.♕d3 c6 (13...♗xb3 14.♕b5+! ♕d7 15.♕xb3±) 14.♗xe6 ♕xe6 15.O-O-O O-O 16.♘g5 ♕e7⇄

10.♗g5

10.dxe5 dxe5 (10...♘xe5 11.♘xe5 dxe5 12.♗g5 c6 13.♕e2 h6 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.O-O-O e4 16.♕c4→) 11.♗g3±

10...♘b6 11.a4 a5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.♘b5 h6



⌓13...fxg4 14.♘d2 c6 (14...gxh3 15.♘e4 ♖f8 16.O-O h2+ 17.♔g2 h6 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♕d3 ♗f5 20.♘bd6+ cxd6 21.♘xd6+ ♔d8 22.♘xf5+ ♕d7 23.♘xh6 ♔c7 24.♕xg6 ♕c6+ 25.f3→) 15.♘c3 gxh3 16.♘de4∞

14.♘xe5

14.♘h4! hxg5 15.♘xg6 ♕c5 16.♘xh8 ♗d7 17.h4! gxh4 18.g5 ♗xh8 19.gxf6 O-O-O 20.♕d2 ♗xb5 21.♕xa5 ♗xf6 22.♕xb5 ♕xb5 23.axb5+-

14...hxg5

14...♕xe5 15.♗f4 ♕c5 16.♗xc7 ♗d7 17.♗d6 ♕c6 18.♖g1→

15.♗f7+ ♕xf7

15...♔f8 16.♘xg6+ ♔xf7 17.♘xe7 ♔xe7 18.♘xc7 ♖d8 19.♕e2 ♖b8 20.♕b5 ♘a8 21.♕e5++-

16.♘xf7 ♔xf7 17.♘xc7+- ♗d7

17...♖b8 18.♕d3

18.♕d6 ♘c8 19.♕c5 ♖b8 20.O-O-O ♖d8 21.gxf5 gxf5 22.♖hg1 ♘e4

22...♘e7 23.♖xg5 ♖h8 24.♕c4+ ♔f8 25.♖xd7 ♘xd7 26.♘e6+

23.♖xd7+ ♖xd7 24.♕xf5+

24.♕c4+ ♔e7 25.♕e6+ ♔d8 26.♘b5+-

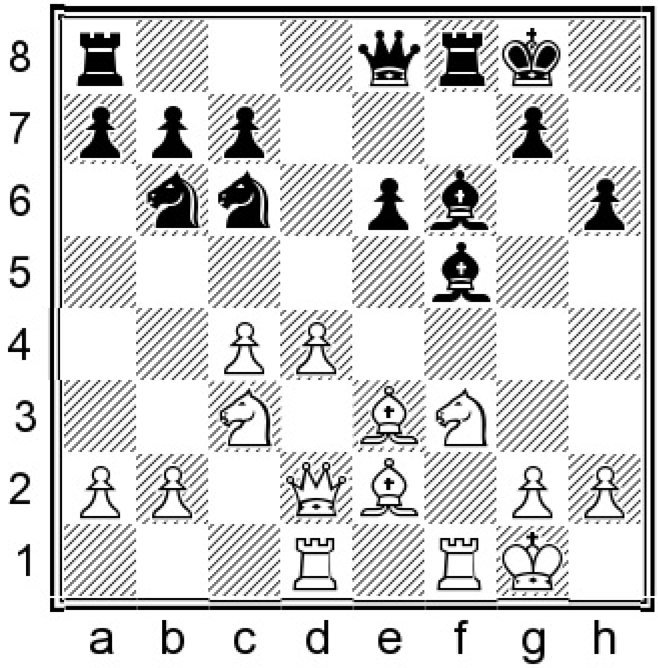
24...♘f6 25.♕e6+ ♔f8 26.♕e5 ♘d6 27.♘e6+ ♔g8 28.♖xg5 ♖f8 29.♘xg7 1-0

B00-B24

38. * B03**
Volokitin, Andrei (2674) - Berkes, Ferenc (2649)
Chennai (ol) 153/38, 2022

1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘d5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 ♘b6 5.exd6

5.f4 ♗f5 6.♘c3 e6 7.♘f3 ♗e7 8.♗e3 O-O 9.♗e2 dxe5 10.fxe5 ♘c6 11.O-O f6 12.exf6 ♗xf6 13.♕d2 h6 (13...♕e7 - 150/26) 14.♖ad1 ♕e8



15.♗f2N (15.b3; 15.♔h1N ♖d8 16.♕c1 ♖f7 17.d5 exd5 18.cxd5 ♘b4?! (18...♘e5 19.♖fe1 ♘xf3 20.♗xf3 ♖e7 21.♗c5 ♖xe1+ 22.♖xe1 ♕f7∞) 19.♗xb6! axb6 20.♗c4 ♔h8 21.d6 ♖fd7 22.♕f4 ♗c2 23.♖de1+- ♕f8 24.dxc7 ♖c8 25.♗e6 ♘d3 26.♕d2 1-0 (26) Moroni,L (2584) -Baburin,A (2400) Chennai (ol) 153/(38) 2022) 15...♖d8 - 153/(38) (15...♗g4 16.b3 ♕g6 17.♘h4 ♗xh4 18.♗xh4 e5 (18...♗xe2 19.♘xe2 ♖xf1+ 20.♖xf1±) 19.dxe5 ♘xe5 20.♗g3 ♖fe8 21.♗xg4 ♘xg4 22.♖fe1 ♕f5 23.♘b5± Amin,B (2680)-Baburin,A (2400) Chennai (ol) 153/(38) 2022) 16.♕e3 ♗g4 17.♘e4 ♗xf3 18.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 19.gxf3 ♘e7 20.♕e4 ♘g6 (20...♘f5?! 21.♕xb7 ♖b8 22.♕xa7 ♘d7 23.♖fe1±) 21.♗g3 c6 22.♗d3 ♕f7 23.♗e5 ♖f5 24.f4 ♘xe5 25.dxe5 ♖f8 26.♔h1 ♘c8 27.♖g1 ♘e7 28.♖g4 g5 29.fxg5 h5 30.♖g3 ♘g6 31.♕e2 ♘f4 32.g6 ♕g7 33.♕d2 ♖xe5 34.♗f1 1/2 (34) Packroff,H-Eigenmann,W corr 153/(38) 2021

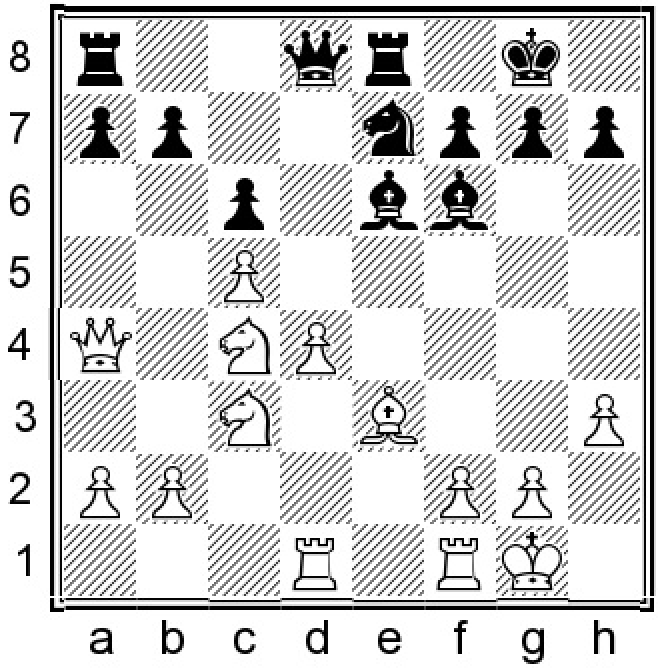
5...exd6 6.♘c3 ♘c6 7.♘f3 ♗e7

7...♗g4 - 71/(99)

8.h3 O-O 9.♗d3 ♖e8 10.O-O ♗f6 11.♗e3 d5 12.c5 ♘c4 13.♗xc4 dxc4 14.♕a4 ♗e6 15.♖ad1 ♘e7 16.♘d2N

16.♗g5 ♘d5 17.♗xf6 ♕xf6 18.♖fe1 (18.♘xd5 ♗xd5 19.♘e5 ♕g5 20.f3 ♖e7 21.♖f2∞ (21.♘xc4? ♖ae8 22.♘e5 f6 23.♘d3 ♖e2 24.♖f2 c6∓)) 18...♘xc3 19.bxc3 c6=

16...c6 17.♘xc4



17...b5! 18.cxb6 axb6 19.♕b4 ♘d5 20.♘xd5 ♗xd5 21.a3 b5 22.♘e5

22.♘d2? ♕d7 23.♖c1 ♕f5∓

22...♗xe5 23.dxe5 ♖xe5 24.♖fe1 h6= 25.♗f4 ♖xe1+ 26.♖xe1 ♕f6 27.♗e5 ♕g6 28.♕g4 ♕xg4 29.hxg4 ♖e8 30.f3 f6 31.♗c3 ♖xe1+ 32.♗xe1 ♔f7 1/2-1/2

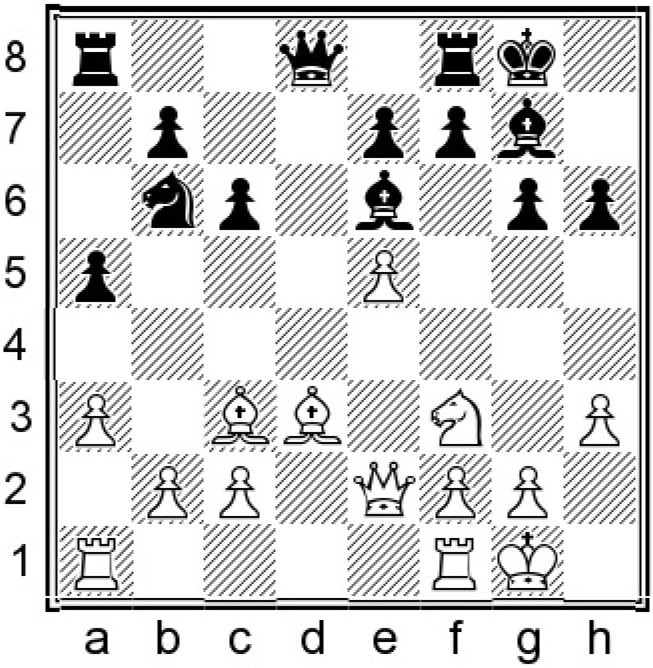
39. * B06
Short, Nigel D (2617) - Hjartarson, Johann (2472)
Acqui Terme 153/39, 2022

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.♗c4 ♘f6 5.♕e2 O-O 6.e5 dxe5 7.dxe5 ♘d5 8.h3 ♗e6

8...♘b6 - 29/161

9.O-O ♘d7 10.♖e1

10.♗g5N h6 11.♗d2 a5 12.a3 c6 13.♘c3 ♘7b6 14.♗d3 ♘xc3 15.♗xc3

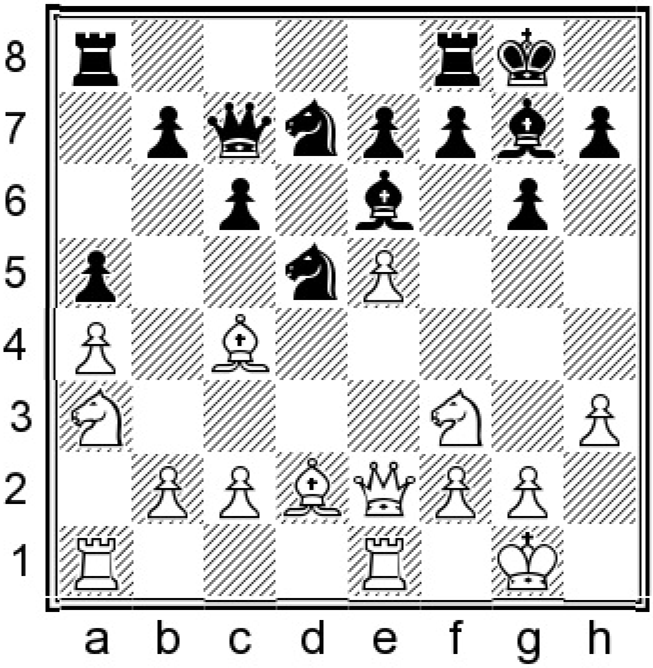


15...♘a4! 16.♘d4 (16.♗d4 c5 17.♗e3 ♘xb2 18.♗b5 c4 19.♕e1 c3 20.♕xc3 ♘c4 21.♗xc4 ♖c8 22.♘d2 ♕c7=) 16...♗d5 17.♖fd1 ♕b6∓ Ivanov,M (2302)-Roshka,Y (2478) Cappelle-la-Grande 153/(39) 2022; 10.♗b3; 10.♗d2

10...c6 11.a4 ♕c7

11...a5 12.♗d2 ♘c7 (12...♕c8 13.♘a3 ♘7b6 14.♗b3±) 13.♘a3 ♘b6 14.b3 ♘xc4 15.♘xc4 ♗xc4 (15...♗d5 16.♗e3 ♗xf3 17.♕xf3 ♘d5 18.♖ad1±) 16.bxc4!±

12.♗d2 a5 13.♘a3



13.♘c3 ♘xc3 (13...♘7b6 14.♗xd5 (14.♗b3 ♘xc3 15.bxc3! (15.♗xc3 ♗xb3 16.cxb3 e6=) 15...♗xb3

(15...♗d5?! 16.e6! f5 17.♘g5±) 16.cxb3 e6 17.c4±) 14...♗xd5 15.♘xd5 cxd5 16.♗e3 ♘d7 17.♗d4 e6 18.c3 ♖fc8 19.h4 ♕c4) 14.♗xc3 ♗xc4 15.♕xc4 e6=

13...b6N

13...♘c5 14.b3 ♖ad8 15.♖ad1 (15.♗xd5 ♗xd5 16.♘c4 b6 17.♗e3 ♘d7∞) 15...b6 16.♘d4±

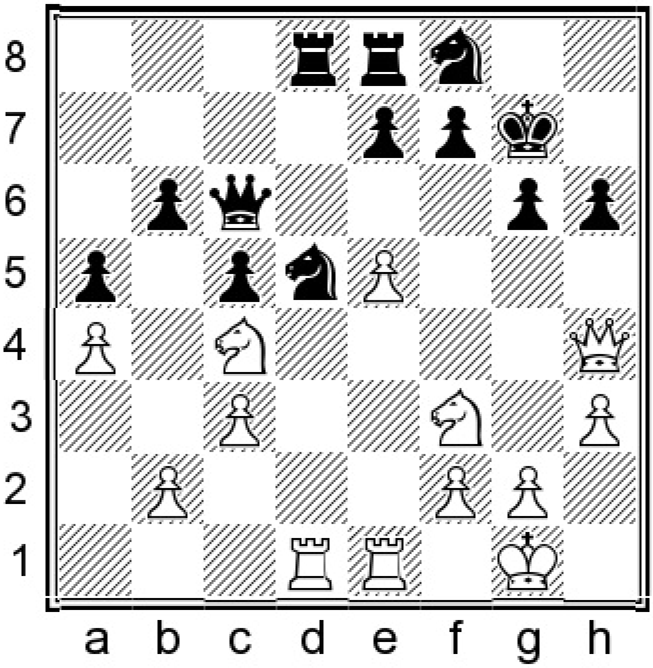
14.c3 ♖ad8 15.♘c2 c5 16.♘a3± ♕c8 17.♕e4 ♘c7 18.♗g5 ♖fe8 19.♕h4 ♗f8 20.♗h6

20.♘b5 ♗xc4 21.♘xc7 ♕xc7 22.♕xc4±

20...♗xh6 21.♕xh6 ♘f8 22.♕h4

22.♗e2 ♗f5 23.♘c4 ♗d3 24.♗xd3 ♖xd3 25.♕f4 ♘fe6 26.♕e4±

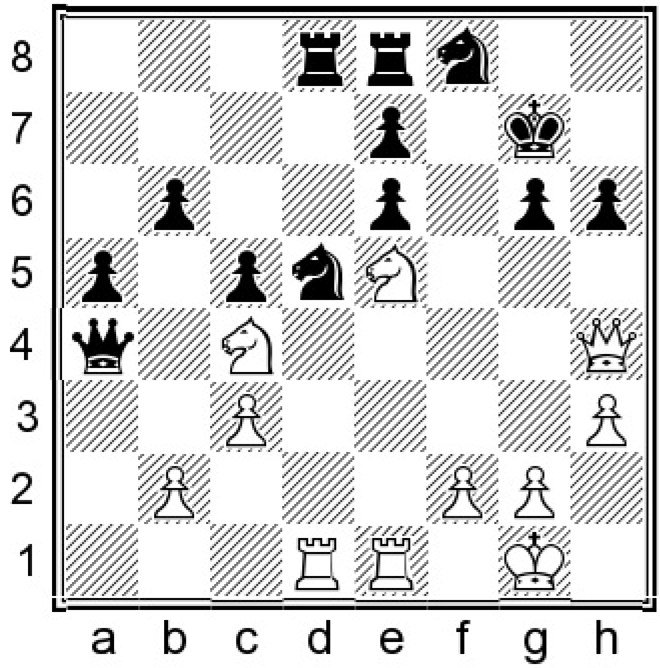
22...♔g7 23.♘g5 ♗xc4 24.♘xc4 h6 25.♘f3 ♘d5 26.♖ad1 ♕c6



27.e6! fxe6

27...♘xe6 28.♘ce5 ♕c7 29.♘xg6 ♔xg6 30.♖xd5 ♖xd5 31.♕e4+ ♔g7 32.♕xd5±

28.♘fe5 ♕xa4

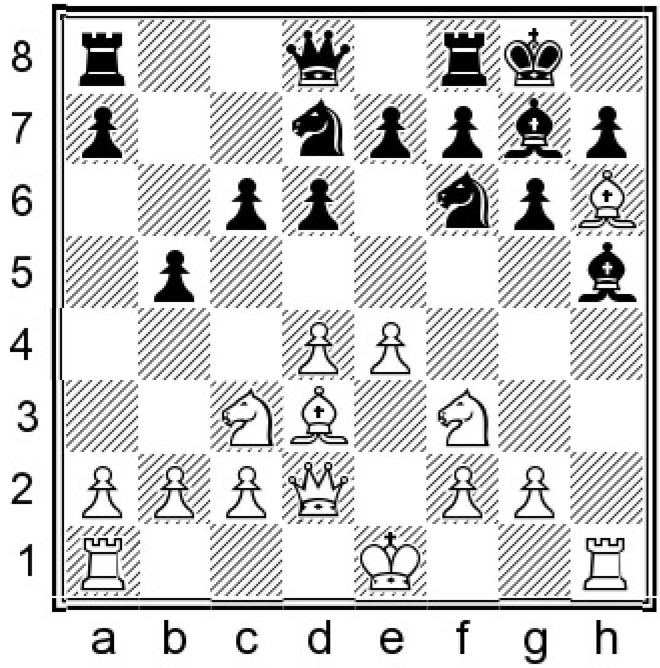


29.♘f7!+- g5 30.♕xh6+ ♔xf7 31.♘e5+ ♔g8 32.♕xg5+ ♔h7 33.♕h5+ ♔g7 34.♖d3 1-0

40. * B08
McShane, Luke J (2649) - Hamitevici, Vladimir (2473)
Chennai (ol) 153/40, 2022

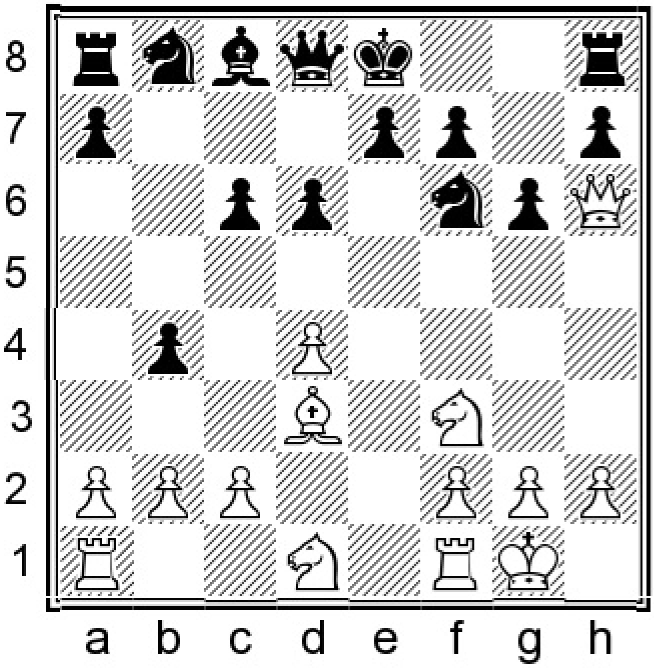
1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♗e3 c6 5.♘f3 ♗g7 6.♕d2 b5 7.♗d3

7.♗h6 ♗xh6 (7...O-O 8.♗d3 ♗g4 9.h4 ♘bd7 (9...♗xf3 10.gxf3 ♘h5 11.♗xg7 ♔xg7 12.f4±) 10.h5! e5 (10...♗xh5



11.♗xg7! ♔xg7 12.e5! dxe5 13.dxe5 ♘g8 14.♖xh5 gxh5 15.♕g5+ ♔h8 16.♕xh5 h6 17.♕f5+-)

11.♗xg7 ♔xg7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.♕h6+!+- ♔g8 14.♘g5 ♕e7 15.f3) 8.♕xh6 b4 9.♘d1 ♘xe4 10.♗d3 ♘f6 11.O-O

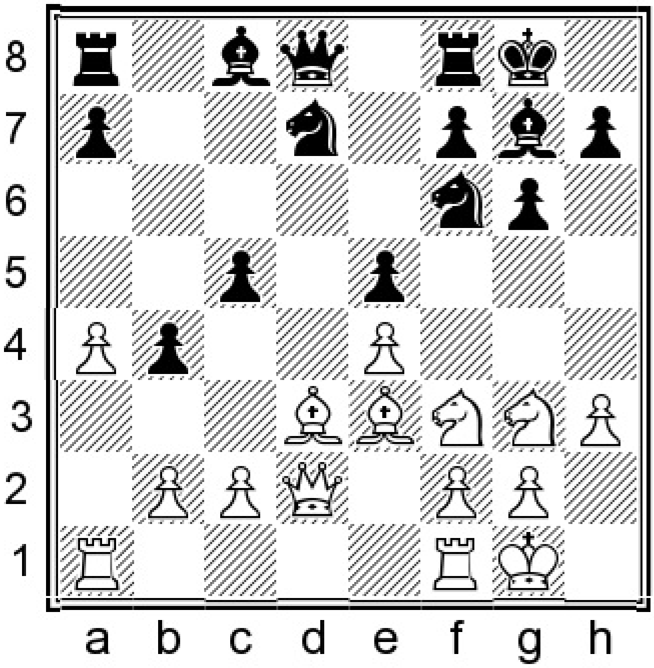


11...♗a6N Alavi,H (2003)-Babaev,T (2229) Nakhchivan 153/(40) 2022 (11...♗a6 12.♗xa6! ♘xa6 13.a3 b3 (13...bxa3 14.♖xa3 ♘c7 15.♘g5 ♘b5 16.♖d3 ♕a5 17.h3±) 14.c4 e6 15.♖e1 ♘g8 16.♕e3 (16.♕g7? ♕f6) 16...♘e7 17.♕xb3 O-O 18.♘e3±; 11...♕b6; 11...e6)

7...♘bd7 8.O-O O-O 9.h3 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.a4!

11.♖fe1 - 93/(56)

11...b4 12.♘e2 c5 13.♘g3



13...a5?N

13...♕c7; 13...♕a5

14.♖ad1?

14.♖fd1 ♕c7 15.♗b5 ♗a6 16.♕d6! ♕xd6 17.♖xd6 ♗xb5 18.axb5 ♖fb8 19.♖a6!+-

14...♕c7 15.♗b5 ♗a6 16.♗xa6 ♖xa6 17.♗h6? ♖e8

17...c4!

18.♕g5 ♘f8?

18...♗xh6 19.♕xh6 c4 20.♘g5 ♘f8∞

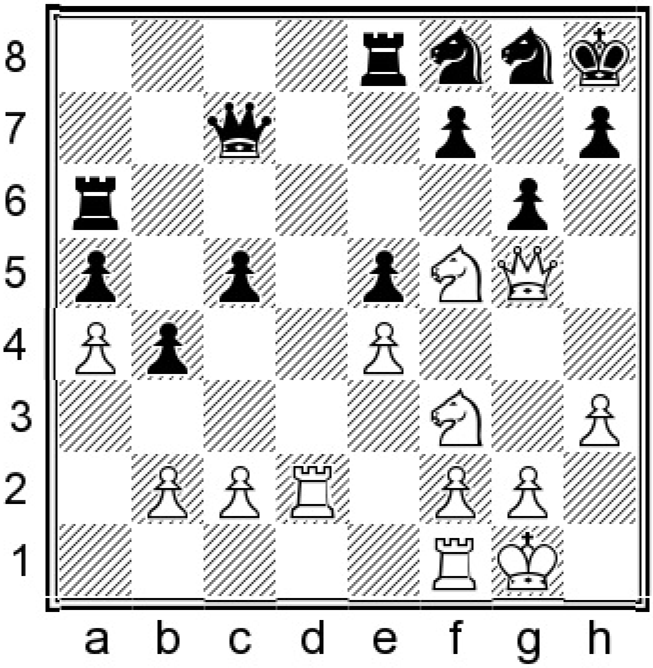
19.♗xg7 ♔xg7 20.♖d2?!

20.♘d2! c4 21.b3 cxb3 22.cxb3 ♔g8 23.♘f5 ♖c6 24.♖fe1±

20...♘g8?

20...c4 21.♘f5+ ♔h8∓

21.♘f5+ ♔h8



22.♘e3! f6 23.♕h4 ♕c6 24.♘d5 ♖a7 25.b3?!

25.♘h2! c4 26.♘g4 ♖f7 27.♖fd1 ♔g7 28.♘ge3+-

25...♖f7 26.♘e3 ♘e6 27.♘c4 ♘d4 28.♘xa5 ♕c7 29.♘c4 f5 30.♘xd4 cxd4 31.exf5 ♖xf5 32.♖e1 ♘f6 33.f3 ♕c5 34.♔h1?

34.a5 d3+ (34...g5 35.♕g3 h5 36.a6+-) 35.♕f2+-

34...g5?

34...e4! 35.♖de2 g5 36.♕g3 e3∞

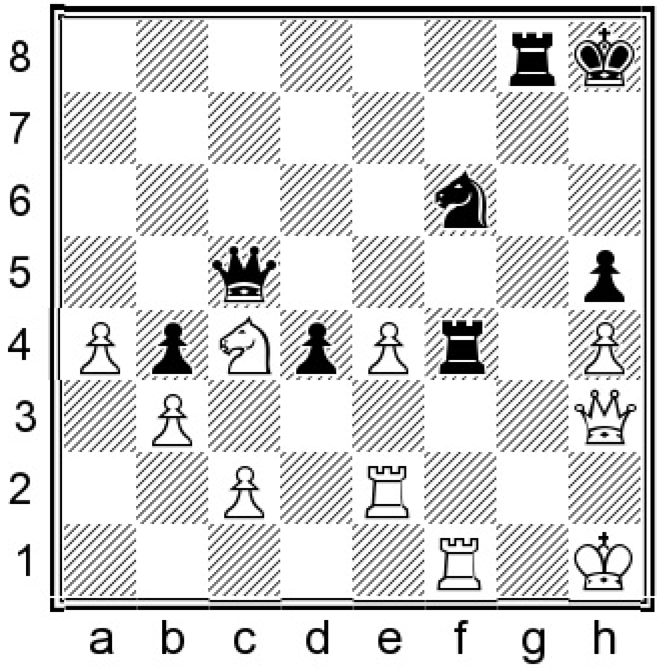
35.♕g3 h5 36.h4?!

36.a5 h4 37.♕f2 ♘h5 38.♖xd4+-

36...g4 37.♖de2?

37.♖f2 d3 38.cxd3 ♕d4 39.♖ff1 ♕xd3 40.♔h2±

37...gxf3 38.gxf3 ♖g8 39.♕h3 e4 40.fxe4 ♖f4 41.♖f1?



41.♕h2! ♖gg4 42.♖f2! ♖xh4 43.♖xf4 ♖xh2+ 44.♔xh2 ♘g4+ 45.♔h3 d3 46.cxd3 ♘f2+ 47.♖xf2 ♕xf2 48.♖e3=

41...d3! 42.♖e3

42.cxd3 ♖g3!-+

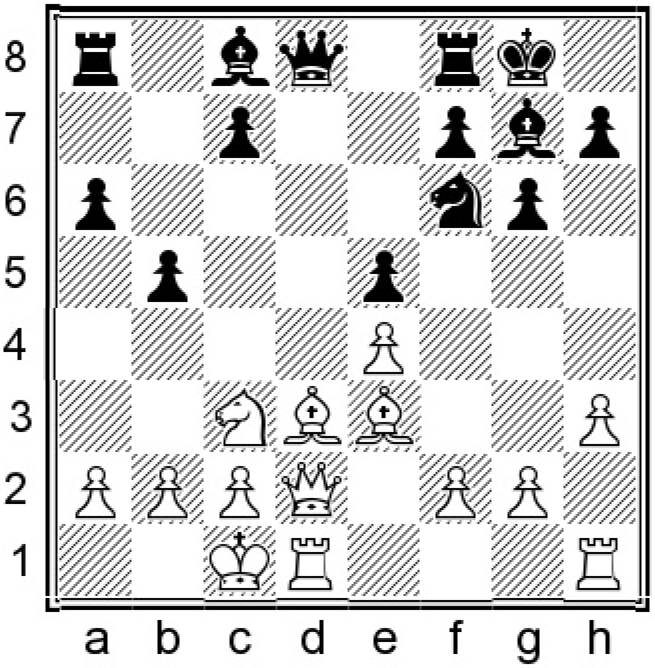
42...dxc2 43.♖xf4 c1=♕+ 44.♖f1 ♕c2 45.♖xf6 ♕xe4+ 46.♖ff3 ♕cd4 47.♕f1 ♕c2 48.♘e5 ♕db2 49.♘f7+ ♔h7 50.♘g5+ ♖xg5 51.♖f7+ ♖g7 52.♖e2 ♕c6+ 53.♔h2 ♕d6+ 54.♔h1 ♕d5+ 55.♖f3 ♕f6 56.♖f2 ♕xh4+ 57.♖h2 ♕xf3+ 58.♕xf3 ♕e1+ 59.♕f1 ♕xf1# 0-1

41. B08
Smirnov, Anton (2600) - Carlsen, Magnus (2864)
Chennai (ol) 153/41, 2022

1.e4 ♘c6 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 g6 5.h3 ♗g7 6.♗e3 O-O 7.♕d2 a6 8.♗d3

8.a4 - 13/182

8...e5 9.dxe5 ♘xe5 10.♘xe5 dxe5 11.O-O-O b5



12.g4N

12.♗c5 ♖e8 13.♕e3 ♘d7 14.♗e2 ♕h4! 15.g3 ♕h6 16.♔b1 c6∞

12...c6 13.f3 ♗e6 14.h4 ♕a5 15.a3

15.h5 b4 16.♘b1 c5 17.a3 ♖ac8∞

15...♖fb8

15...b4!? 16.axb4 (16.♘b1 c5∞) 16...♕xb4 (16...♕a1+ 17.♘b1 ♗a2 18.c4 (18.c3 a5=∞) 18...♗xb1 19.♗xb1 ♖fb8 20.♕c3 ♗f8 21.c5 a5=∞) 17.♘b1 a5 18.h5 ♖fb8 19.♕c3 ♘d7∞

16.♗c5

16.h5 b4 (16...♖b7!? 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.♔b1 b4 19.♘a2 c5∞) 17.♘b1 c5 18.hxg6 c4 (18...fxg6?! 19.♕e2±) 19.gxh7+ (19.gxf7+ ♗xf7 20.♗xc4 ♗xc4 21.g5 ♖d8! 22.♕h2 ♖xd1+ 23.♔xd1 ♘e8 24.♕xh7+ ♔f8∞) 19...♔h8 20.axb4 ♖xb4 21.♗e2 ♘e8 22.♕c3 ♖ab8 23.♕a3 ♕c7∞

16...h5

16...♘d7!? 17.♗d6 ♗f8! 18.♗xb8 (18.♗xf8 ♘xf8∓) 18...♖xb8 19.h5 b4 20.♘b1 ♕b6=∞

17.♗d6 ♖b7 18.♔b1 ♖d8 19.♗b4 ♕c7

19...♕b6 20.♘e2 ♕a7 21.♗a5 ♖dd7 22.g5 ♘e8∓

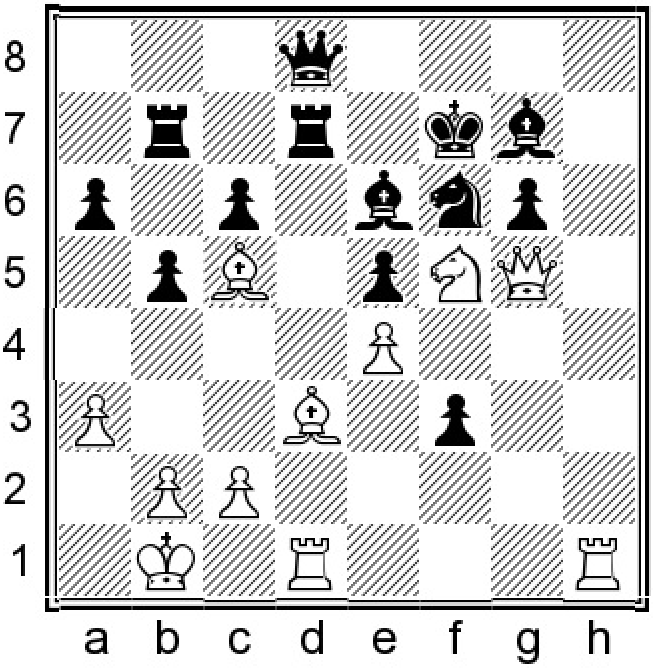
20.♘e2 ♖d7

20...hxg4 21.♗a5 ♖xd3! 22.cxd3 ♕d6 23.f4 ♘h5 24.fxe5 ♗xe5 25.d4 ♗g7∓

21.♗c5

21.g5 ♘h7 22.♕c3 ♗f8 23.♗a5 ♕b8 24.♘c1 c5 25.♗e2 ♖d4∞

21...hxg4 22.♘g3 gxf3 23.h5 ♕d8! 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.♕g5 ♔f7 26.♘f5?



26.♕e3 ♔g8 27.♕g5 ♗f7 28.♘f5 gxf5 29.♖dg1 ♗h5 30.♕xf5 ♖f7∞

26...♘xe4!?

26...gxf5 27.♖hg1 (27.exf5 ♗d5-+) 27...♔e8 28.exf5 ♗d5-+

27.♘h6+ ♗xh6 28.♕xh6 ♗f5 29.♔a2

29.♖c1 ♕f6 30.♗xe4 ♗xe4+-

29...♕g8 30.♗xe4 ♗xe4 31.♖de1 ♔f6+ 32.b3 ♖h7-+ 33.♕e3 ♖xh1 34.♖xh1 ♕d5 35.♔b2 ♖d7 36.♖h8 ♗f5 37.♖f8+ ♖f7 38.♖e8 ♕e4 39.♕d2 ♔g7 40.♗f2 ♕e2 0-1

42. B09
Grigoryan, Karen H (2643) - Almeida Quintana, Omar (2523)
Benasque 153/42, 2022

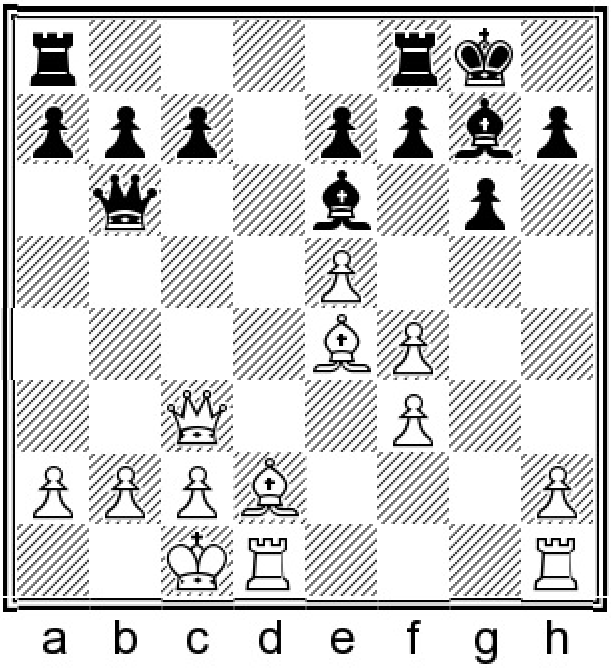
1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.f4 ♗g7 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.e5 dxe5 8.dxe5 ♘d5 9.♘xd5 ♕xd5 10.♕e2 ♗g4

10...♗f5 - 4/171

11.♗e4 ♕a5+ 12.♗d2 ♕b6 13.O-O-O ♘d4 14.♕c4 ♘xf3

14...c5 15.♗e3 ♗e6 16.♕a4 ♘xf3 17.♗xf3 f6 18.exf6 ♗xf6 19.c3±

15.gxf3 ♗e6 16.♕c3



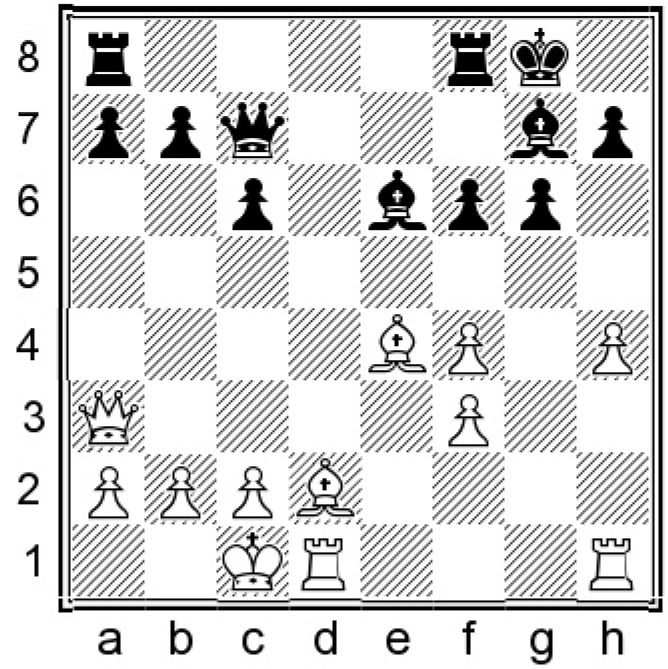
16...c6N

16...f5 17.♗e3 ♕a6 18.♗d3 (18.♗d5 ♗xd5 19.♖xd5 ♕xa2 20.b3 b6 21.♖d7±) 18...♕xa2 19.b3 ♖fd8 20.♔d2!±

17.♕a3

17.h4!? f5 (17...♖ad8 18.h5 f5 19.♗d3 ♖fe8 20.b3±) 18.♗e3 ♕c7 (18...♕a6 19.♗d3 ♕xa2 20.b3 b5 21.h5±) 19.♗d3±

17...♕c7 18.h4 f5 19.exf6 exf6



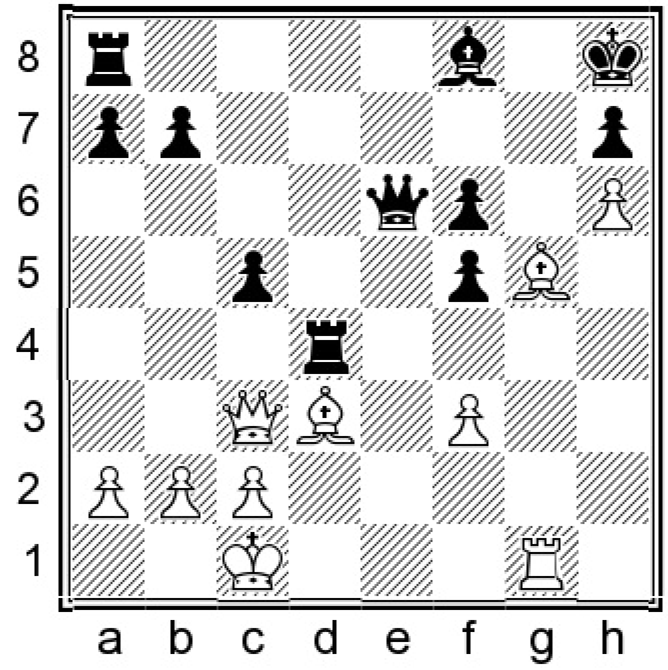
19...♗xf6 20.h5±

20.f5! gxf5

20...♗xf5 21.♗xf5 gxf5 22.h5 h6 (22...♖fd8 23.♖dg1±) 23.♖hg1 ♔h7 24.♕c5 ♖ad8 25.♖de1±

21.♗d3 ♖fd8 22.♖de1 ♕f7 23.♖hg1 ♔h8 24.h5± ♖d4

24...c5 25.h6! (25.♖xg7!? ♔xg7 26.♕xc5 ♖ac8 27.♕e3±) 25...♗f8 26.♕c3 ♖d4 27.♗e3 ♖h4 28.♗g5 ♖d4 29.♖xe6! ♕xe6

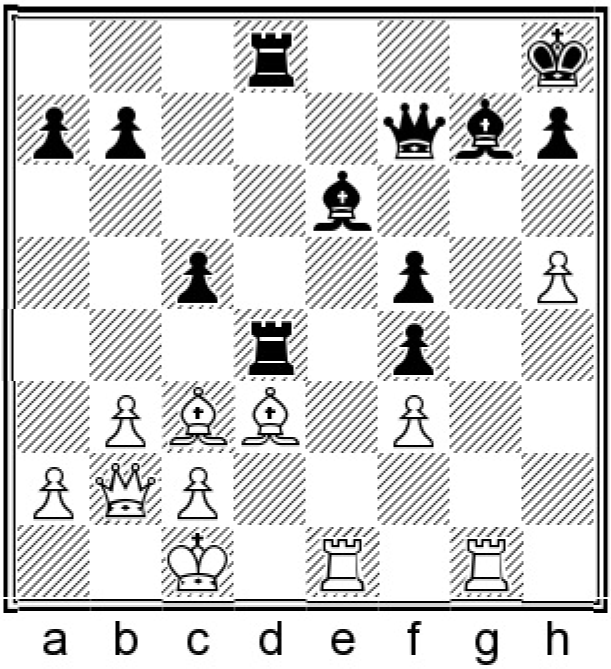


(29...fxg5 30.♕e1+-) 30.♗c4!+-

25.♕c3 ♖ad8 26.b3 f4 27.♕b2

27.♖e2 f5 (27...♗f8 28.♕b2 ♗d6 29.♗c3 ♗e5 30.♖ge1 ♕c7 31.♗xd4 ♗xd4 32.♕a3+-) 28.♖xg7! ♔xg7 29.♕c5 ♖8d5 30.♕xa7+-

27...c5 28.♗c3 f5



29.♖xg7!

29.h6 ♗f6 30.♔b1 ♕d7 31.♖g2+-

29...♔xg7 30.♗xd4+ ♖xd4 31.♕c3 b6 32.b4?

32.h6+! ♔g6 (32...♔xh6 33.♖g1 ♗d5 34.♕e1 ♗xf3 35.♕h4++-) 33.♔b1 ♕f6 34.♖g1+ ♔f7 35.♖g7+ ♔f8 36.♖xa7 ♗d5 37.♔b2 ♕xh6 38.a4 ♗xf3 39.a5+-

32...♗c4?

32...♕f6 33.bxc5 ♖d7! 34.♕a3 bxc5 35.♕a6 ♕a1+ 36.♔d2 ♕xa2 37.♕xe6 ♕xe6 38.♖xe6 c4 39.♖a6 ♔f7 40.♖h6 ♔g7 41.♖a6=

33.bxc5 bxc5 34.♖e5+- ♗xd3 35.♖xc5 ♕f6 36.♖c7+ ♔h6 37.♖c6 ♖d6 38.♕xf6+ ♖xf6 39.♖xf6+ ♔g5 40.♖f7 ♗e2 41.♖xh7 ♗xf3 42.h6 1-0

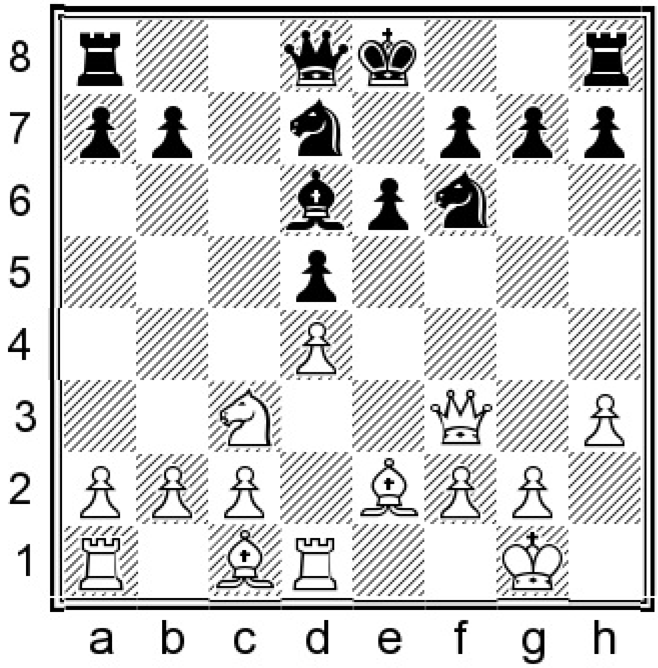
43. * !N B11
So, Wesley (2773) - Melkumyan, Hrant (2634)
Chennai (ol) 153/43, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.♘c3 d5 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.h3 ♗xf3 5.♕xf3 e6 6.♗e2 ♗c5 7.O-O ♘d7 8.exd5

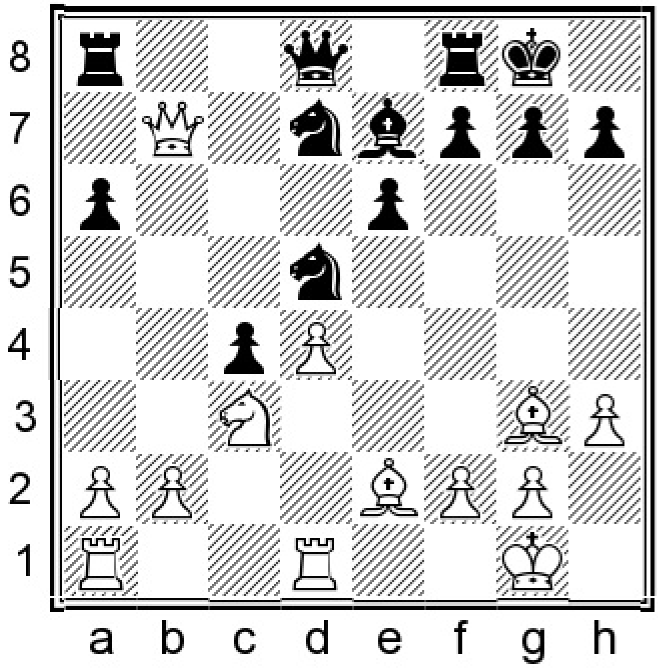
8.d3 - 61/122

8...cxd5 9.♖d1 ♘gf6 10.d4 ♗e7

10...♗d6

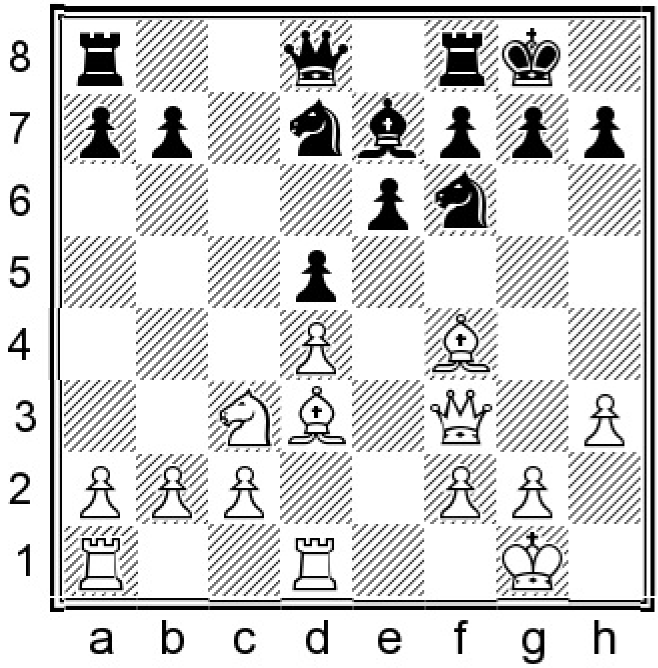


11.♘b5!N (11.♗d3) 11...♗e7 12.c4 O-O 13.♗f4 (13.c5 ♘e4 14.♗f4±) 13...dxc4 14.♕xb7 (14.♗xc4 ♘b6 15.♗b3 ♘fd5 16.♗e5±) 14...♘d5 15.♗g3 a6 (15...♕b6 16.♕xb6 ♘7xb6∞) 16.♘c3



16...♘7b6? (16...♕c8 17.♕xc8 ♖fxc8 18.♖ac1±) 17.♘xd5 ♘xd5 18.♗xc4± Srbis,J (2451)-Zelcic, R (2497) Hrvatska 153/(43) 2022

11.♗d3 O-O 12.♗f4



12...♘b8N

12...♖c8

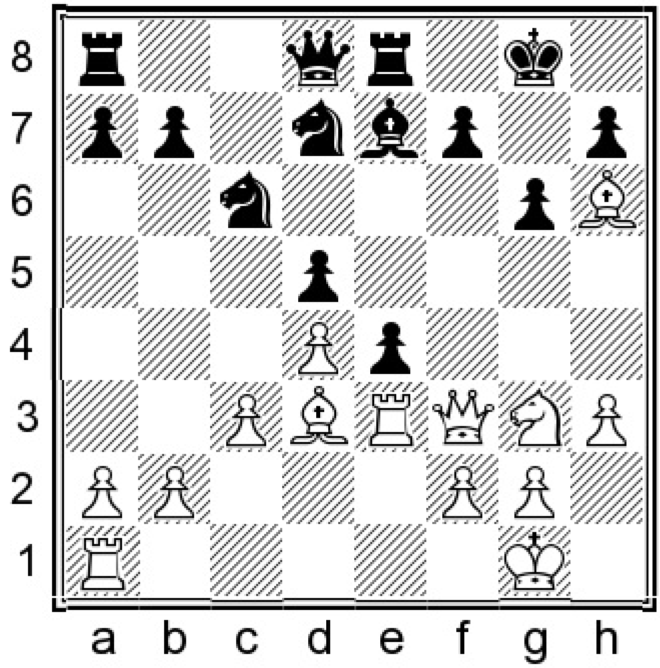
13.♘e2 ♘c6 14.c3 ♖e8 15.♖e1 g6 16.♘g3 ♘d7 17.♖e3

17.♖e2 ♗g5 18.♖ae1 ♕f6 19.♗xg5 ♕xg5 20.♘f1±

17...e5 18.♗h6?!

18.dxe5 ♗c5 19.e6! (19.♖ee1 ♘dxe5 20.♕d1 ♕h4 21.♗e3 d4 22.cxd4 ♘xd4∓) 19...fxe6 20.♖e2 ♕f6 21.♖ae1 ♖f8 22.♘f5! ♘d8 (22...exf5 23.b4 ♗b6 24.♕xd5+ ♕f7 (24...♖f7?! 25.♗c4+-) 25.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 26.♗c4+ ♔g7 27.b5±) 23.b4 ♗b6 24.a4 (24.♘h6+ ♔g7 25.g3 ♕xc3 26.♘g4∞) 24...♖c8 25.a5 ♗c7 26.♗b5 ♘b8 27.♘d6 ♗xd6 28.♗xd6 ♕xf3 29.gxf3 ♖xf3 30.♖e3 ♖xe3 31.♖xe3∞

18...e4?



18...♗f8 19.♗xf8 e4! 20.♕d1 ♖xf8 21.♗c2 f5∓

19.♖xe4! ♘f8

19...dxe4? 20.♕xf7+! ♔xf7 21.♗c4+ ♔f6 22.♘xe4+ ♔f5 23.g4+ ♔xe4 24.♖e1+ ♔f3 25.♖e3#

20.♖f4 f5 21.♘xf5!+- gxf5 22.♖xf5 ♕d6 23.♕g4+ ♘g6 24.♖xd5! ♕f6

24...♕xd5 25.♗xg6

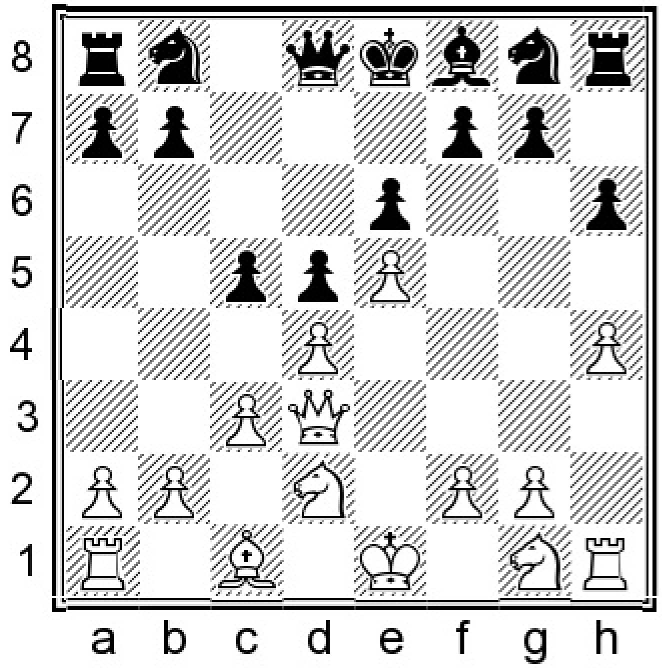
25.g3 ♗f8 26.♖f5 ♕e7 27.♗c4+ ♔h8 28.♗g5 1-0

44. B12
Blohberger, Felix (2492) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2642)
Chennai (ol) 153/44, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h6 5.♗d3

5.g4 - 146/31

5...♗xd3 6.♕xd3 e6 7.♘d2 c5 8.c3



8...♘e7N

8...♘c6

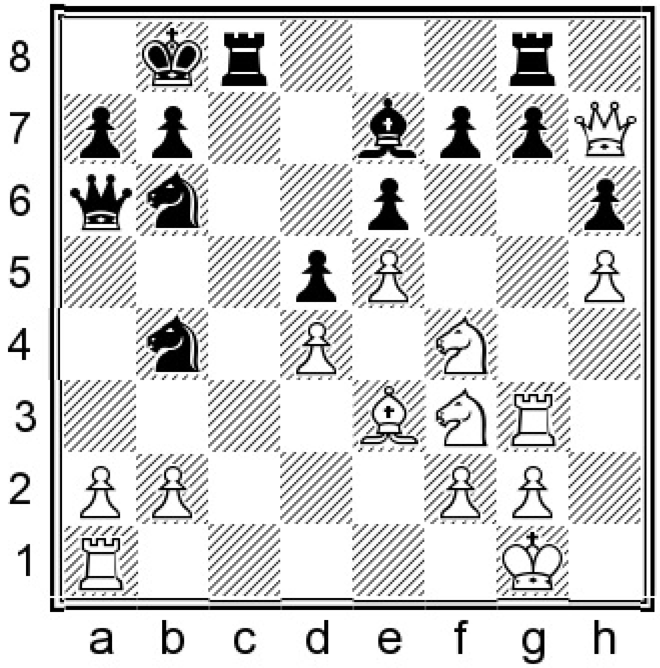
9.♘e2 ♘ec6

9...cxd4 10.cxd4 h5 11.♘f3 ♘f5 12.♗g5 ♕a5+ 13.♔f1 ♕a6 14.♕d1 ♘c6 15.g3 ♖c8 16.♔g2±

10.♘f3 cxd4 11.cxd4 ♕a5+ 12.♔f1 ♕a6 13.♕d1 ♘d7 14.♔g1 ♗e7 15.h5 O-O-O 16.♖h3 ♔b8 17.♖g3 ♖hg8 18.♗e3 ♖c8 19.♘f4 ♘b6 20.♕b1 ♘b4

20...♘c4 21.♕h7 ♘b4 - 20...Nb4

21.♕h7



21...♘c2?

21...♘c4! 22.♖c1 (22.♖f1 ♘xe3 23.fxe3 ♘c2 24.♖xg7 ♖xg7 25.♕xg7 ♘xe3 26.♖e1 ♘c2 27.♖d1 ♗g5 28.♘xg5 hxg5 29.♕xg5 ♕xa2∞; 22.♗c1 ♗g5 23.♘xg5 hxg5 24.♖xg5 ♕b6∞) 22...♘xa2 23.♖f1 ♘xe3 24.fxe3 ♘c1! 25.♖xg7 ♘e2+ 26.♘xe2 ♖h8 27.♕b1 ♕xe2 28.♖e1 ♕c2∞

22.♖c1 ♘xe3

22...♕xa2 23.♖xc2 ♕b1+ 24.♘e1! ♕xe1+ 25.♔h2 ♘c4 26.♖c1 ♕b4 27.♖xg7 ♖h8 28.♕d3±

23.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 24.fxe3 ♗f8 25.♕g8! ♘c4

⌓25...♕xa2 26.♕xf7 ♕xb2 27.♘xe6 ♕b4 28.♘xf8 ♖xf8 29.♕xg7±

26.♕xf7+- ♘xe3 27.♘xe6 ♕f1+ 28.♔h2 a6 29.♘xf8 ♖c2 30.♘d7+ ♔a7 31.♕g6 1-0

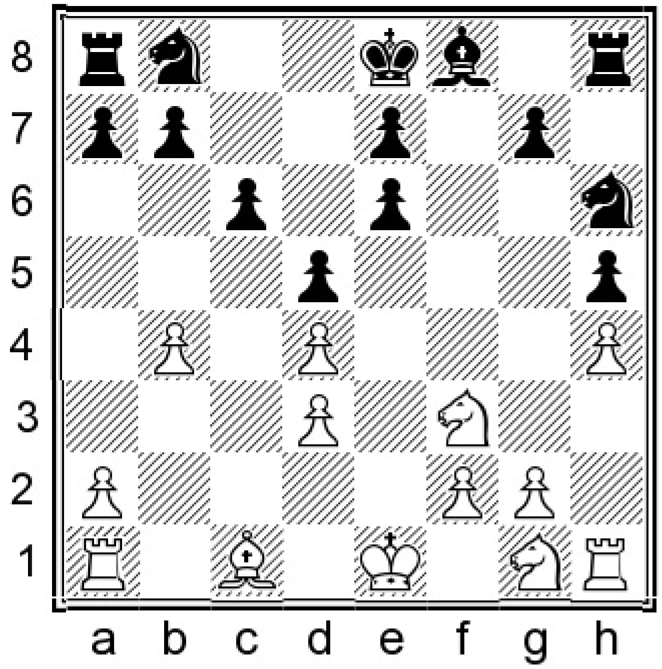
45. * B12**
Hamdouchi, Hicham (2536) - Maze, Sebastien (2529)
France 153/45, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h5 5.♗d3 ♗xd3 6.♕xd3 ♕a5+ 7.b4 ♕a6

7...♕xb4+ - 150/32

8.♕b3

8.e6 ♕xd3 9.cxd3 (9.exf7+ ♔xf7 10.cxd3 e6 11.♗d2 ♘h6 12.♘f3 ♗d6 13.O-O ♘d7∞) 9...♘a6 (9...fxe6 10.♘d2 ♘h6 11.♘df3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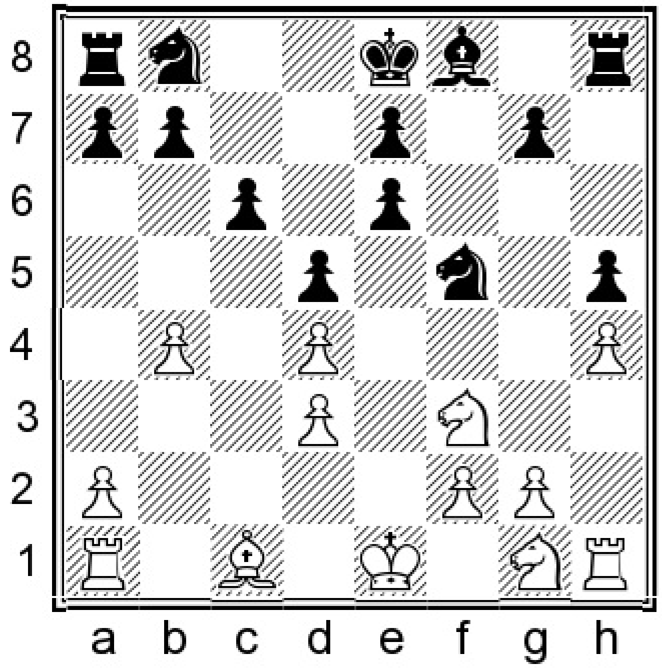
11...♘f5N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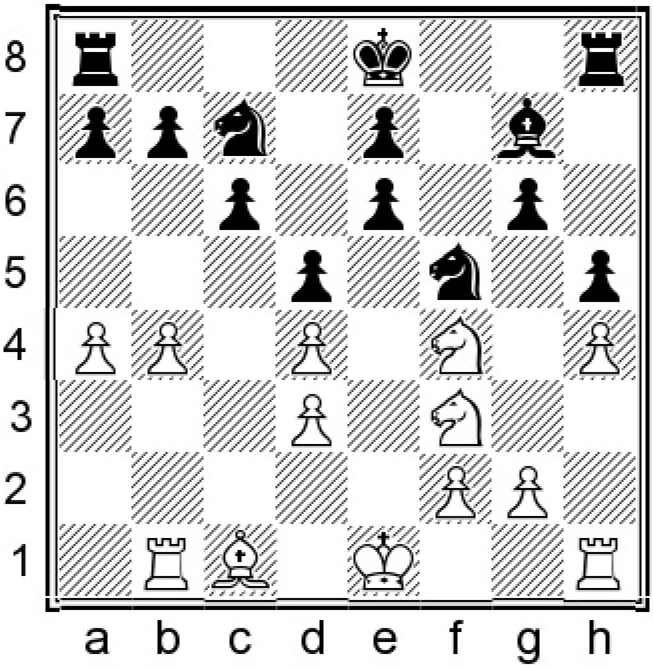
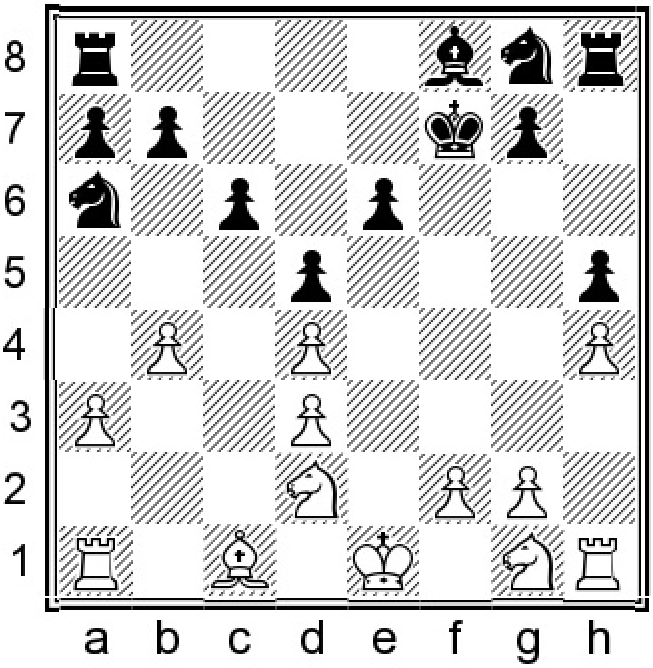
(11...♘f7) 12.♘e2 - 153/(45) (12.♘h3N ♘a6 13.♖b1 ♘c7 14.♘f4 g6! (14...♘b5 15.♗b2 g6 16.a4 ♘c7 17.♘xg6 ♖g8 18.♘xf8 ♖xf8 19.♗c1±) 15.a4 (15.♘xg6 ♖g8 16.♘f4 (16.♘xf8 ♔xf8 17.O-O ♘b5 18.♗b2 ♘bd6 19.a4 a5∞) 16...♘b5 17.♘xh5 ♘fxd4 18.♘xd4 ♘xd4 19.g3 ♔f7∞) 15...♗g7

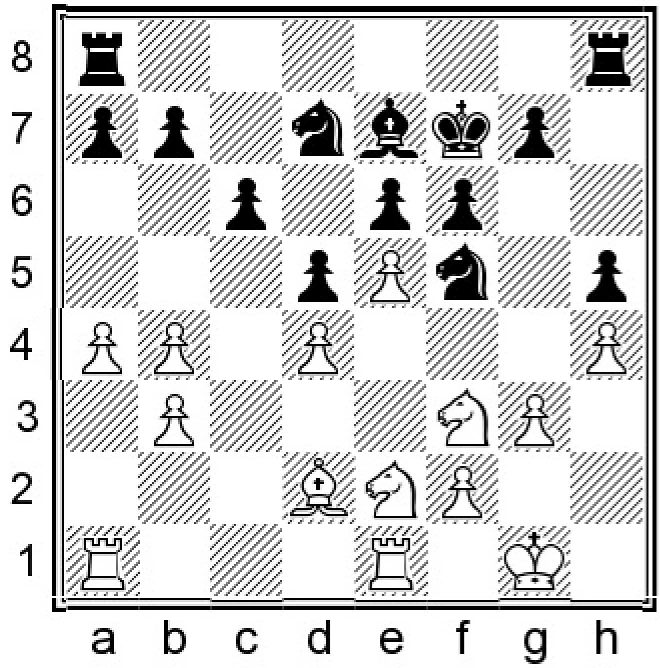


16.♘e2 (16.♘xg6 ♖g8 17.♘fe5 ♘xd4 18.♗f4 ♘a6∞) 16...e5 17.dxe5 ♘e6 18.O-O O-O∞ Martinez Alcantara,J (2591) -Svane,R (2649) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(45) 2022) 12...♘a6 13.♖b1 g6 14.♘f4 ♗g7 15.♘xe6 ♗f6 16.♔d1 ♔d7 17.♖e1 ♘c7 18.♘xc7 ♔xc7 19.♗f4+ ♔d7 20.b5 cxb5 21.♖xb5 b6 22.a4 ♖hd8 23.♗g5 ♔c6= Trent,L (2398)-Prohaszka,P (2579) Hamburg 153/(45) 2022) 10.exf7+ ♔xf7 11.a3 e6 12.♘d2



12...♘h6N (12...♗d6) 13.♘df3 ♗d6 14.♘h3 ♘f5 15.O-O ♘c7 16.♖e1 a5∞ Martinez Alcantara,J (2591)-Gupta,S (2505) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(45) 2022

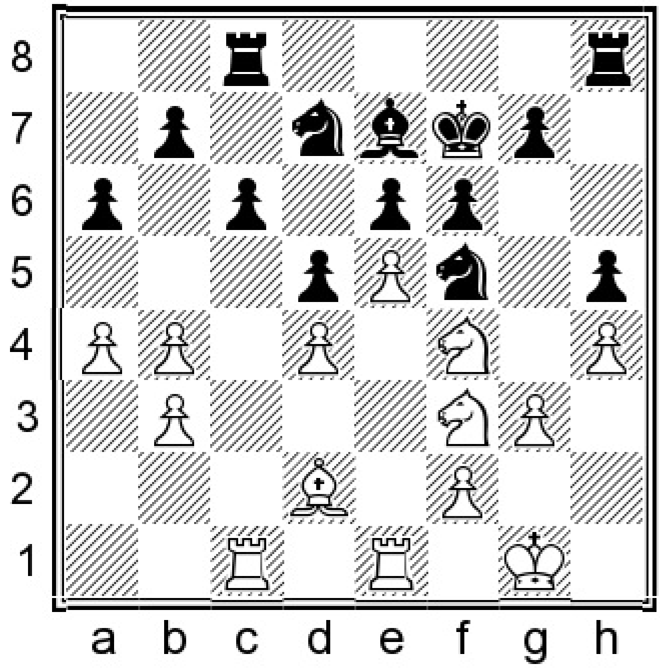
8...e6 9.♘d2 ♘h6 10.♘e2 ♘f5 11.♘f3 ♘d7 12.a4 ♕c4 13.♗d2 ♕xb3 14.cxb3 f6 15.O-O ♗e7 16.g3 ♔f7 17.♖fe1



17...a6N

17...fxe5

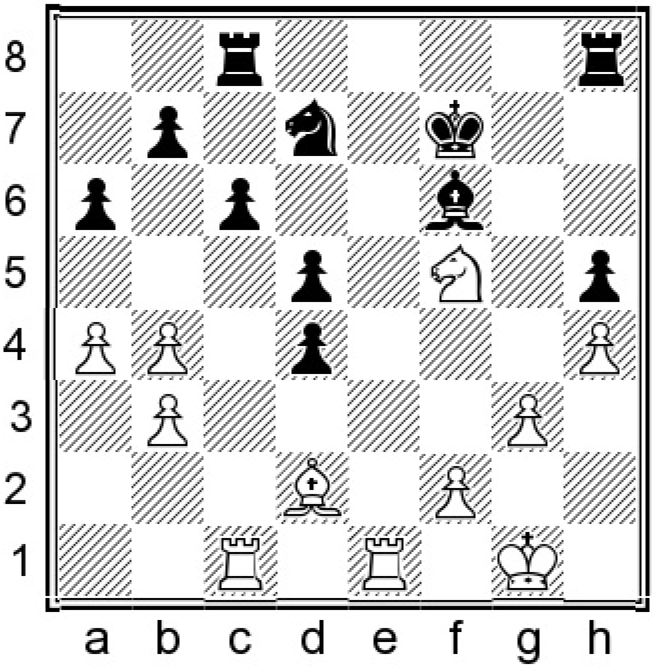
18.♖ac1 ♖ac8 19.♘f4



19...♘xd4! 20.♘xd4 fxe5 21.♘fxe6

21.♘dxe6 exf4 22.♘xf4 ♗d6 23.♔g2 ♗xf4 24.♗xf4 ♖he8=

21...exd4 22.♘xg7 ♗f6 23.♘f5



23...♘e5! 24.♘d6+ ♔g6 25.♘xc8

25.♔g2 ♖c7 26.♖cd1 ♖e7∞

25...♘f3+ 26.♔g2

26.♔f1 ♘xe1 27.♖xe1 ♖xc8 28.♔e2 ♔f5 29.♔d3 ♗e5=

26...♘xe1+ 27.♖xe1 ♖xc8 28.a5 ♔f5= 29.f3 c5 30.bxc5 ♖xc5 31.♖c1 ♖c6

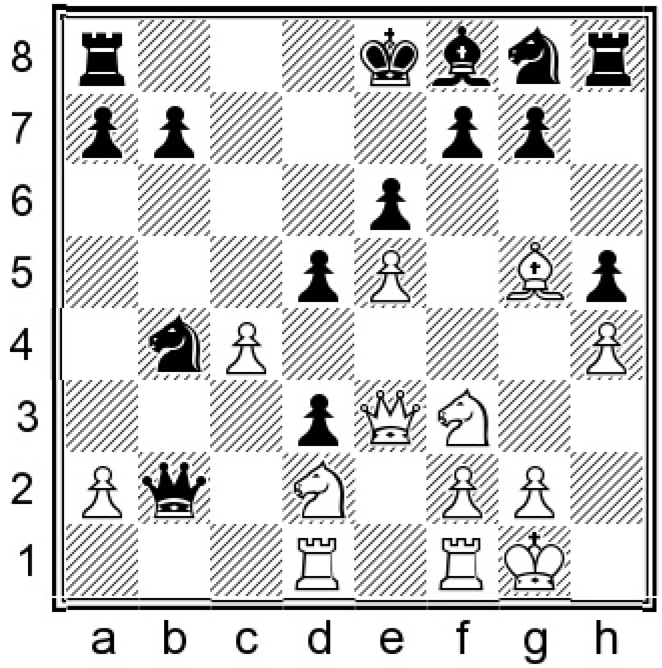
31...♖xc1 32.♗xc1 d3 33.♗d2 ♗d4=

32.♔f2 ♖xc1 33.♗xc1 ♗e5 34.♗d2 d3 35.♔g2 ♗b2 36.♔f1 ♗e5 37.♔g2 ♗b2 38.♔f1 ♗e5 1/2-1/2

46. * !N B12
Ragger, Markus (2647) - Bluebaum, Matthias (2673)
Chennai (ol) 153/46, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h5 5.♗d3 ♗xd3 6.♕xd3 e6 7.♗g5 ♕b6 8.♘d2 c5 9.c4 ♕xb2 10.♖d1 ♘c6 11.♘e2

11.♘gf3 ♘b4 12.♕e2 cxd4 13.O-O d3 14.♕e3



14...♕a3! (14...♘e7 - 126/35) 15.♘d4N (15.cxd5 ♘xd5 16.♕e4 ♕a6 17.♘c4 ♗c5 18.♖xd3 ♖c8∞; 15.♖b1 ♘h6 16.♗xh6 gxh6!∞) 15...♘c2 16.♕f4 ♘xd4 17.♕xd4 ♗c5 18.♕f4 ♘e7 19.♕f3 (19.♗xe7 ♗xe7 20.cxd5 exd5 21.♘b3 O-O 22.♖xd3 ♖ac8∞) 19...♗b4?! (19...♖d8 20.♖b1 b6∓) 20.♗xe7 ♗xe7 21.cxd5 exd5 22.♘b3 ♕b4 23.♕xd3 ♕c4∞ Woelk,T (2315)-Mendonca,L (2551) Hamburg 153/(46) 2022

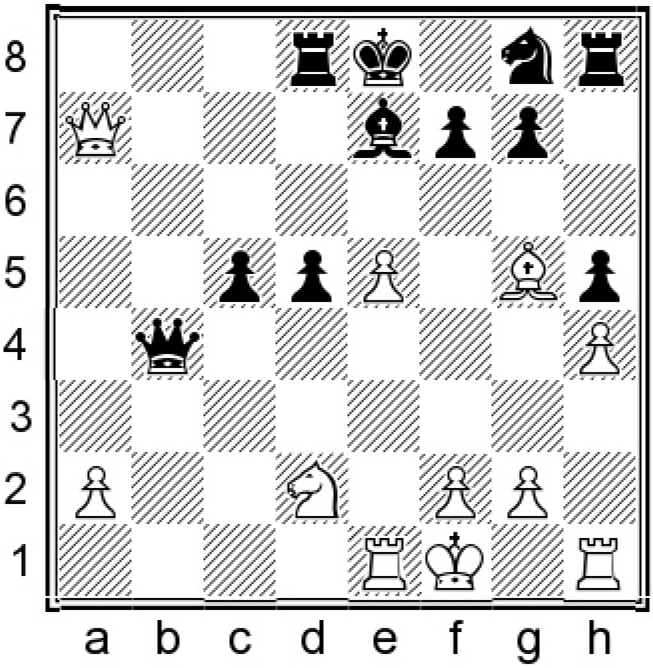
11...♘b4 12.♕f3 ♘c2+ 13.♔f1 ♘xd4 14.♘xd4 ♕xd4 15.♕b3 ♗e7 16.cxd5

16.♕xb7? ♖d8 17.♕b5+ ♔f8∓

16...exd5 17.♕xb7 ♖d8 18.♖e1 ♕b4

18...♗xg5 19.e6 fxe6 20.hxg5 ♘e7 21.♘f3 ♕b4 22.♕xa7 ♖d7 23.♕a8+ ♖d8 24.♕a6 ♕c4+ 25.♕xc4 dxc4 26.♖h4 ♖d5

19.♕xa7



19...♖h6!N

19...♗xg5 20.hxg5 ♘e7 21.e6 fxe6 22.♘f3 ♖b8 23.♖xe6 ♖b7 24.♕a8+ ♔f7 25.♖xe7+ ♖xe7 26.♕xd5+ ♔e8 27.♔g1 ♕b1+=

20.♖b1

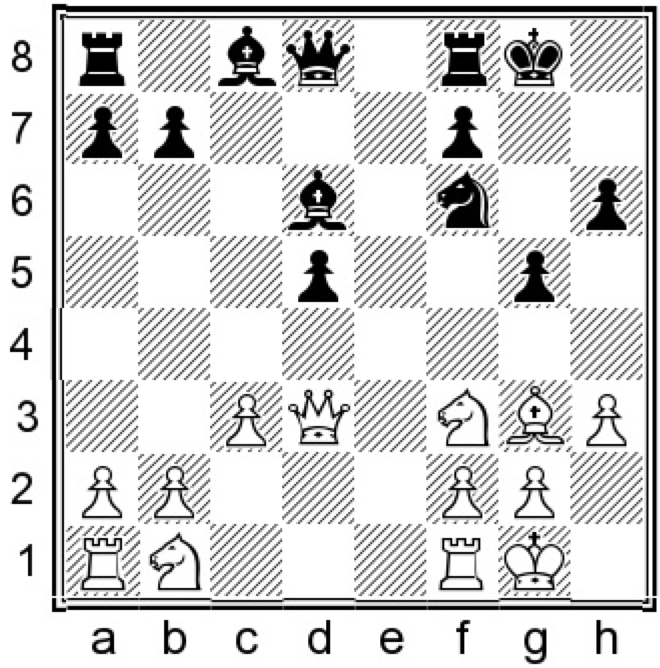
20.♗xh6 ♘xh6 21.e6 (21.♘f3 ♕c4+ 22.♔g1 (22.♖e2 d4 23.e6 (23.g3?! ♕b5∓) 23...f6 24.♘e1 ♕b5∓) 22...d4 23.e6 f6 24.g3 ♘g4 25.♔g2 ♕c2 26.♖hf1 ♘e3+ 27.♖xe3 dxe3 28.♕a6 ♔f8∞) 21...f6 22.♘b3 ♘g4 23.♖h3 ♕f4 24.♖e2 ♔f8∞

20...♕d4 21.♔g1 ♖e6 22.♘f3 ♕c4= 23.♖b8 ♗xg5 24.♘xg5 ♕c1+ 25.♔h2 ♕f4+ 26.♔g1 ♕c1+ 27.♔h2 ♕f4+ 28.♔g1 ♕c1+ 29.♔h2 ♕f4+ 30.♔g1 ♕c1+ 31.♔h2 1/2-1/2

47. ** !N B13**
Sargsyan, Shant (2648) - Donchenko, Alexander (2602)
Jermuk 153/47, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.♗d3 ♘f6 5.h3 ♘c6 6.c3 e5 7.dxe5 ♘xe5 8.♕e2

8.♘f3 ♘xd3+ 9.♕xd3 ♗d6 10.O-O O-O 11.♗g5 (11.♗e3 - 151/38) 11...h6 12.♗h4 g5 13.♗g3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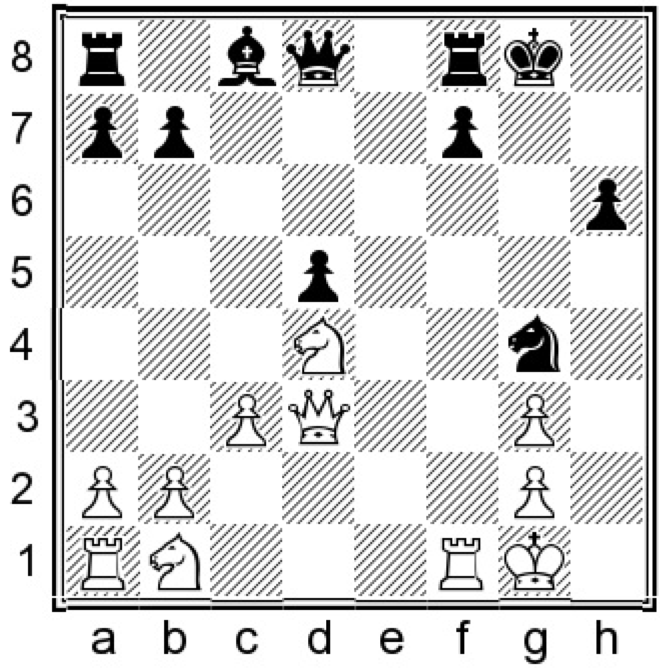
13...♗xg3 - 153/(47) (13...♘e4?N 14.♗xd6 ♕xd6 15.♘d4 (15.♘bd2±) 15...♗d7 16.♘d2 ♖ae8 17.♖ae1 ♕f4 18.♘xe4 (18.♘2f3±) 18...dxe4= Tari,A (2660)-Bluebaum,M (2642) chess.con (Int. - rapid) 153/ (47) 2022) 14.fxg3 g4 15.hxg4 ♘xg4 16.♘d4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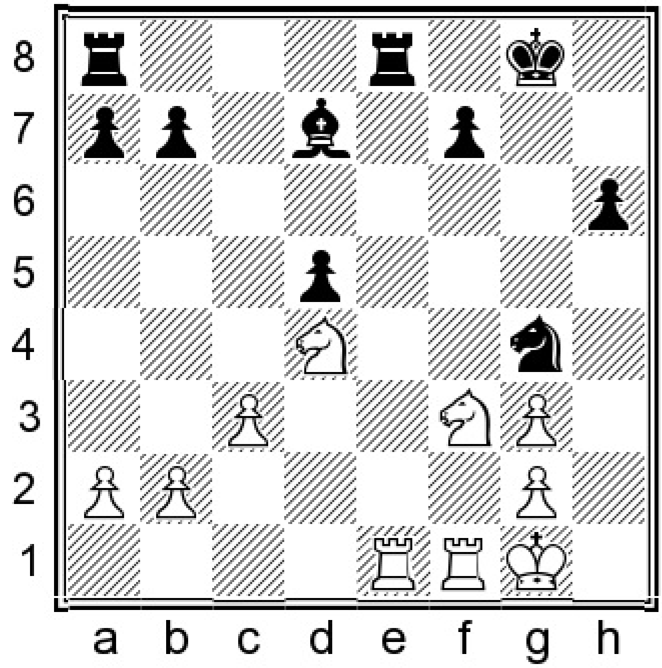
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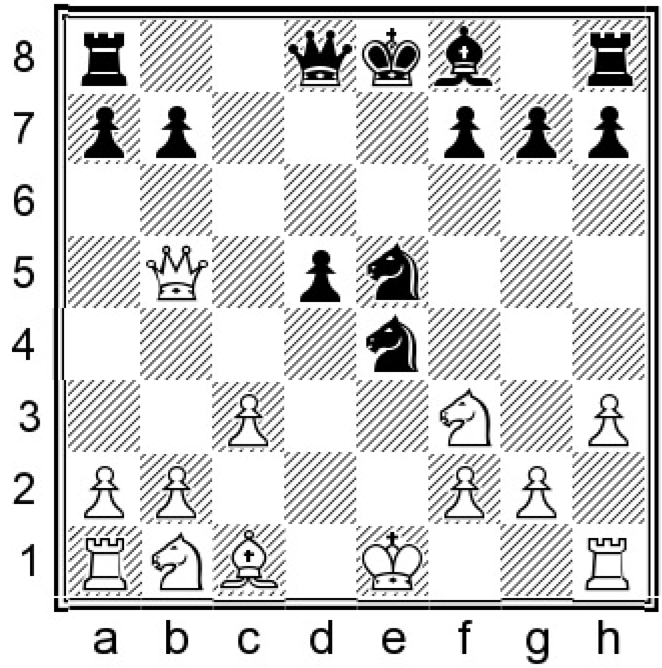
20...♖xe1N (20...♖e4) 21.♖xe1 ♖e8 22.♖xe8+ ♗xe8= Kobalia,M (2590)-Svane,R (2649) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 153/(47) 2022) 16...♕b6N (16...♕g5) 17.♘a3 ♗d7 18.♘c2 ♖ae8= Aziz,H (2379) - Muzychuk,M (2539) Gibraltar 153/(47) 2022

8...♘e4

8...♕e7 - 40/153

9.♗b5+ ♗d7 10.♘f3 ♗xb5 11.♕xb5+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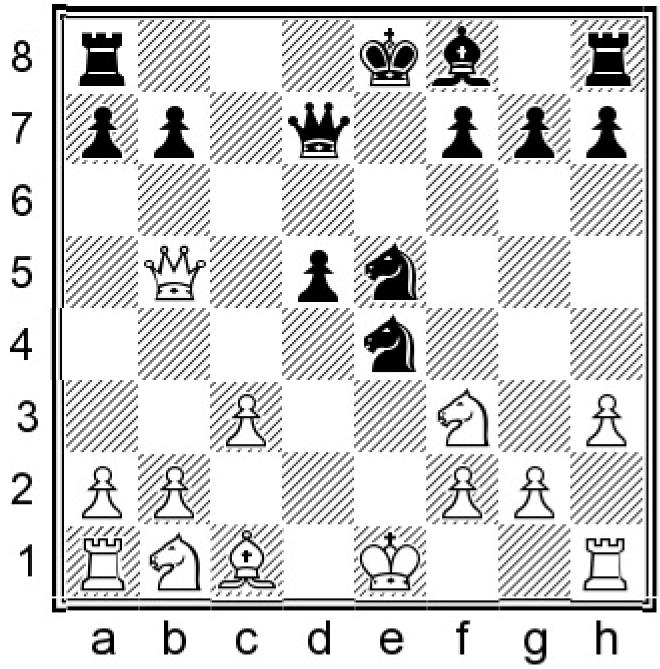


11...♘c6? 12.♕xb7±

12.♕xd7+ ♘xd7 13.O-O ♗c5= 14.♗f4N

14.♘bd2!? - 153/ (47) 14...O-O (14...f6!? 15.♘b3 ♗b6 16.♘fd4 ♘e5=) 15.♘b3 ♗b6 16.♗f4 ♖ad8 17.♖ad1 ♘dc5 18.♘xc5 ♗xc5 19.♘d4 ♖d7 20.♖fe1± Breder,D (2462) -De Visser,L (2251) Oesterreich 153/(47) 2022

14...O-O

14...♘f8=

15.♘bd2 ♘df6?!

15...♗b6=

16.♘b3 ♗d6?!

16...♗b6

17.♗e3 a6 18.♖ad1

18.♘g5!?±

18...♖ac8 19.♖d3

19.♘fd4!?±

19...♖fe8 20.g4

20.♖c1; 20.♖e1 ♗f8 21.♔f1 h5 22.♘fd2±

20...h6 21.♖fd1 ♗f8 22.♔f1

22.♗d4 ♘d7 23.♔f1 ♘d6 24.♘bd2±

22...♘d6 23.♘bd4 b5

23...♘c4!? 24.♗c1 ♘e4=

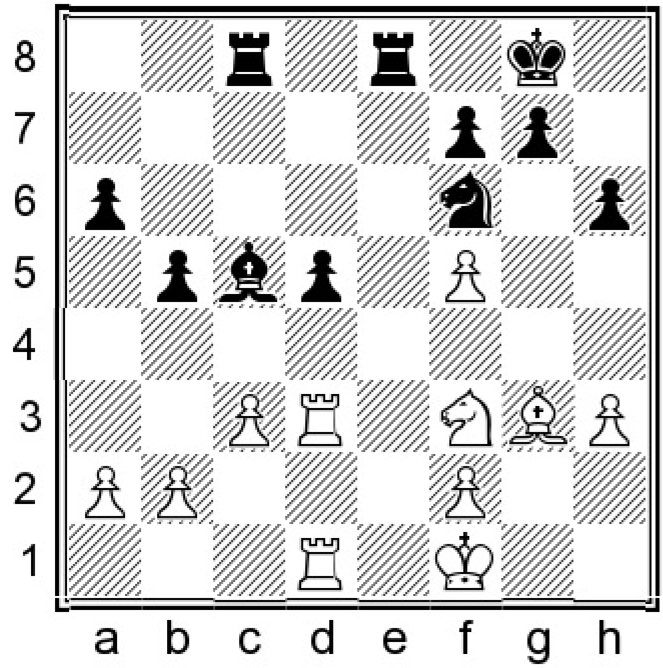
24.♘f5?!

24.♗c1!?±

24...♘xf5 25.gxf5 ♗c5 26.♗f4 ♗f8

⌓26...♘e4=

27.♗g3 ♗c5?!



27...b4=

28.♗h4!± ♘h5 29.♖xd5 ♘f4 30.♖d7 ♘xh3 31.♖b7 ♖b8?!

31...♗f8 32.♖dd7 b4 33.cxb4 ♘f4 34.♖d1 ♘h5 35.a3 g5 36.fxg6 fxg6 37.♔g2 ♖c2±

32.♖c7± ♖ec8

⌓32...♗b6 33.♖cd7 ♗c5 34.a3 ♖bc8 35.♖b7 ♘f4 36.♖dd7 ♘h5=

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35...♗d8 36.♗g3 ♖a8 37.b3±

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48. B15
Kunzelmann, Fred - Mannermaa, Jari

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 c6 4.f4 d5 5.e5 ♘h6 6.♘f3 O-O 7.♗e3

7.h3!? ♘f5 8.♔f2 f6 9.g4 ♘h6 10.♖h2 ♘f7 11.♕e1±

7...♕b6

⌓7...♗g4! 8.h3 (8.♗e2 - 44/(162)) 8...♗xf3 9.♕xf3 f6 10.exf6 exf6 11.g4 f5 12.O-O-O ♕d7±

8.♕c1 ♗g4

8...f6 9.h3 ♘f5 10.♗f2 ♗h6 11.♗d3 ♘g7 12.♘e2 ♘a6 13.c3 c5±

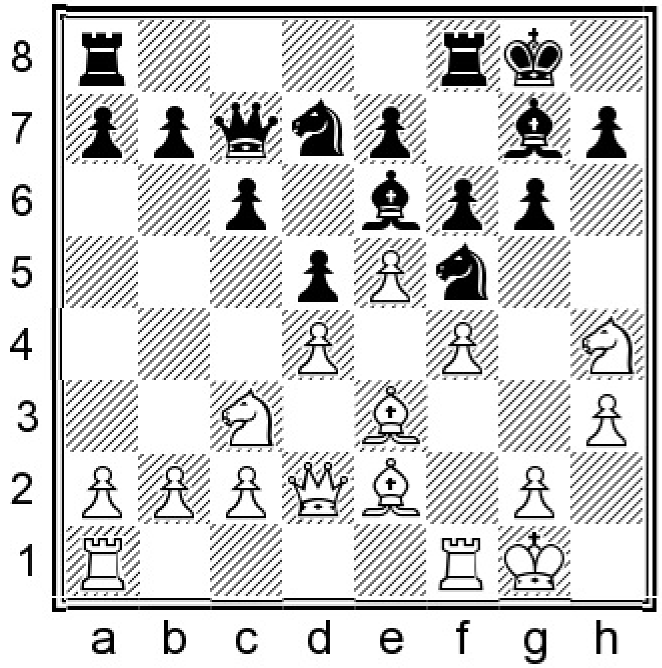
9.♘h4 f6 10.h3 ♗e6 11.♗e2

11.♕d2 ♕xb2 12.♖b1 ♕a3 13.♖xb7 ♘d7 14.♗d3 c5 15.O-O cxd4 16.♗xd4 fxe5 17.fxe5±

11...♘d7

11...♕a5 12.O-O c5 13.dxc5 fxe5 14.fxe5 ♖xf1+ 15.♗xf1 ♘f7 16.♘f3±

12.O-O± ♕c7 13.♕d2 ♘f5



14.♗g4N

14.♘xf5 ♗xf5 15.a4 a5 16.♗f3 ♗e6 17.b3 ♗f7 18.♖ae1 e6 19.♔h1 ♖fc8∞

14...♔h8 15.♗xf5

15.♘xf5 ♗xf5 16.♗xf5 gxf5±

15...♗xf5 16.♘xf5 gxf5 17.♘e2 e6

17...♖g8 18.♘g3 e6 19.♔h2 ♗f8 20.♘h5 ♗e7±

18.♘g3 ♖g8 19.♘h5 ♗h6 20.♕e2

20.exf6?! ♖af8=; 20.♘xf6?! ♘xf6 21.exf6 ♖g6=; 20.♔h1 ♕d8 21.♗f2 ♗f8 22.♖ad1 fxe5 23.fxe5 (23.dxe5 ♗c5 24.♗e1 ♗e7 25.♗f2 ♖g6 26.♕e2 ♘c5 27.g4 ♘e4 28.g5±) 23...♗e7 24.♕e2 ♗g5±

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22...fxe5

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23.fxe5 ♗xe3 24.♕xe3 ♖g5

24...♕d8 25.♖af1 (25.♘f4 ♖g3 26.♕e2 ♕e7 27.♖d1 ♖3g7 28.c3 ♖g3 29.a4+-) 25...♕e7 26.♘f4 ♖6g7 27.c3 (27.b3 c5 28.c3 b6±) 27...♖g5 28.b3 c5±

25.♕e2 ♕d8 26.♘f4 ♘f8 27.♘h5

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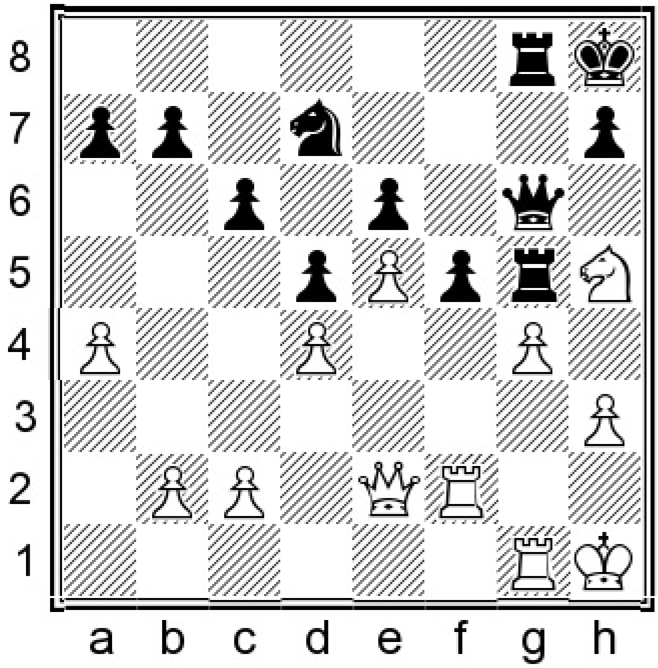

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35...♖5g6 36.c3 c5 37.♔h2 cxd4 (37...♘b8 38.♖d1 ♘c6 39.♖d3 cxd4 40.cxd4 ♘xa5 41.♖h3 ♘c6 42.♘f6 ♕f4+ 43.♔h1 ♖h6 44.♘h5=) 38.cxd4 ♘b8 39.a6 bxa6 40.♖g3 ♘c6 41.♕d1 ♕g5 42.♖1g2 a5 43.♖h3=

36.c3 ♖5g6

36...b6 37.a6 b5 38.♖g3 b4 39.♔h2+-

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42...♖f2+ 43.♖1g2! ♖f1 44.♖c3 ♖gf8 45.♖c7 ♖8f7 46.♖xa7 ♕b1 47.♖a8+

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49...♕c1 50.♕h6 (50.♕xd5 ♕xg5 51.♕e4 ♖7f3=) 50...♔g8 51.♖xf2 ♖xf2+ 52.♔h3 ♖f3 53.♕e6+ ♔g7

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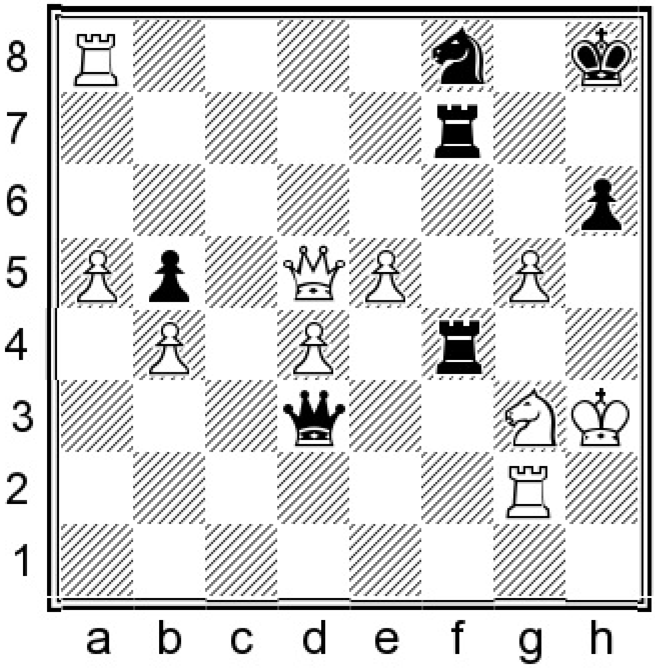
50.♖xf2 ♖xf2+ 51.♔h3 ♖f3 52.♖xf8+ (52.♕xd5? ♕f1+ 53.♔g4 ♖f4+ 54.♔h5 ♕h3#) 52...♖xf8=

50...♖2f4 51.♔h3 h6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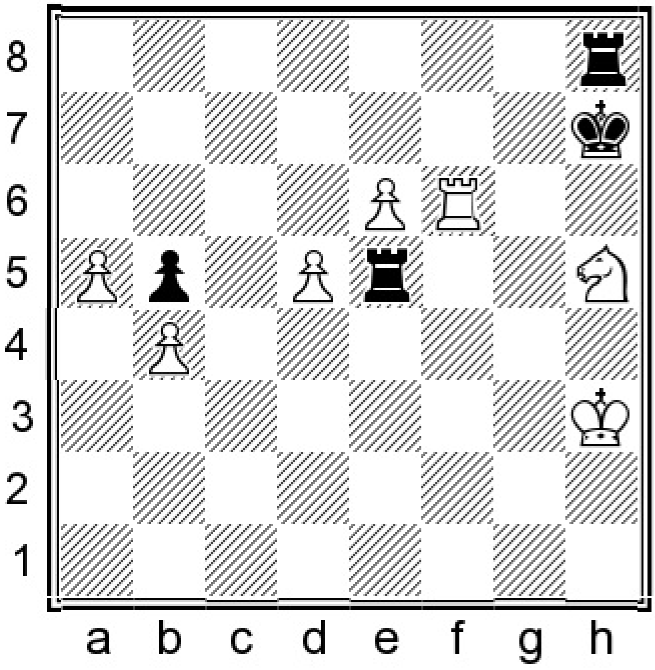
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64.d7 ♖d5 65.a6 (65.♔e4 ♖d1 66.a6 ♖a8 67.a7 ♖xa7 68.d8=♕ ♖xd8 69.♖xa7 ♔f6 70.e7 ♖d1 71.e8=♕+-)

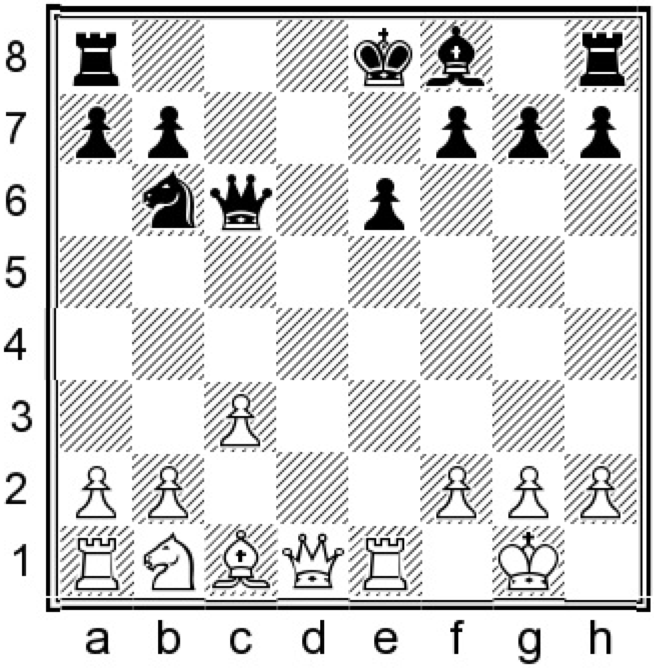
64...♖h1 65.♔e5 ♖h5+ 66.♔d4 1-0

49. B22
Tan, Justin (2533) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2776)
Deutschland 153/49, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.d4 cxd4 6.♗c4 ♘b6 7.♗b3 d5 8.exd6 ♕xd6 9.O-O ♗e6 10.♗xe6 ♕xe6 11.♘xd4 ♕d7 12.♘xc6

12.♘b5 - 72/142

12...♕xc6 13.♖e1 e6

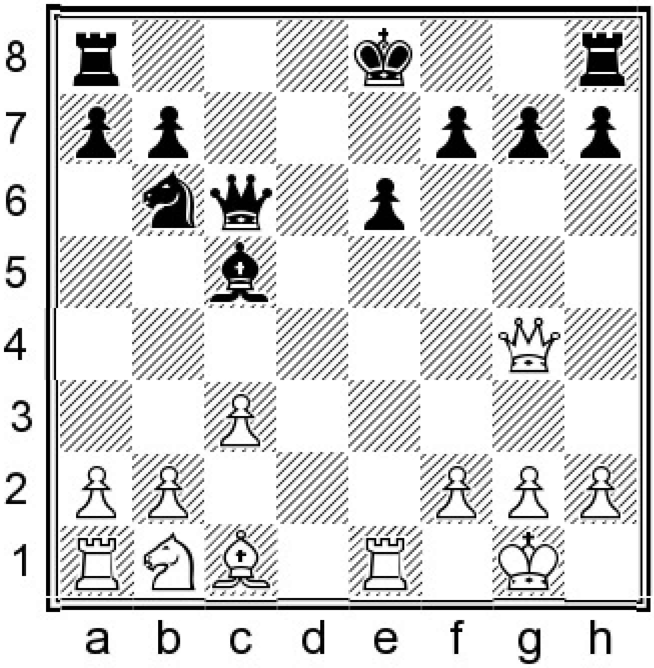


14.♕g4N

14.♗f4

14...h5

14...♗c5!?



15.♘d2 (15.♕xg7?! O-O-O 16.♕e5 ♖hg8 17.g3 ♘c4 18.♕e2 ♖d5 19.♘d2 ♖f5 20.♖f1 ♘xd2 21.♗xd2 ♖f3→; 15.b4 h5! 16.♕g5 (16.♕xg7 O-O-O) 16...♗f8 17.a4 ♖d8 18.♕b5 ♘d5 19.♕xc6+ bxc6⇄) 15...O-O 16.♘b3 ♗e7 17.♗f4 ♖ad8=

15.♕e2 ♕c4! 16.♕c2 O-O-O

16...♖d8=

17.♘d2 ♕c6

17...♕d3 18.♕xd3 (18.♕b3 h4 19.♖e3 ♕f5 20.♖f3 ♕e5⇄) 18...♖xd3 19.♘f3 ♖d7 20.♔f1 ♗d6 21.♗e3 ♘a4=

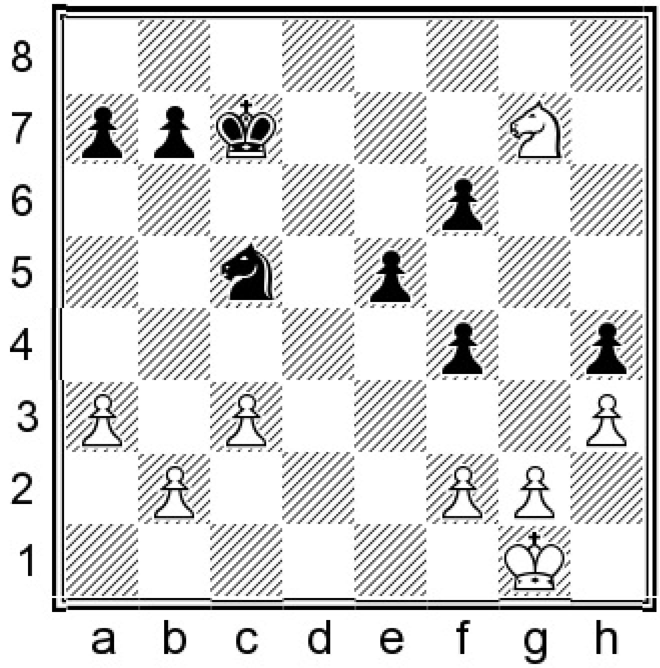
18.♘f3 f6 19.♗e3 e5 20.♖ad1 ♗c5 21.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 22.♗xc5 ♕xc5 23.♕f5+ ♖d7 24.h3

24.♕xh5 ♘a4!⇄

24...♕c4 25.a3 ♕f7 26.♖d1 ♔c7 27.♖xd7+ ♘xd7 28.♘g5 g6 29.♘xf7 gxf5 30.♘h6?!

30.g3 a5 31.♘h6 f4 32.♘f5=

30...f4 31.♘f5 ♘c5 32.♘g7 h4



33.♘e8+

33.g3! hxg3 34.fxg3 fxg3 35.h4 ♔d6 36.h5 ♘e6 37.♘f5+ ♔d7 38.♘xg3 ♘g5 39.h6=

33...♔d7 34.♘xf6+ ♔e6 35.b4?

35.♘g4 ♘a4 36.g3! ♘xb2 37.gxh4 ♔f5 38.♔f1 ♘c4 39.h5 f3 (39...♘xa3 40.h6 ♔g6 41.♘xe5+ ♔xh6 42.♔e2=) 40.a4 e4 41.♔g1 ♘b2 42.h6 ♔g6 43.h7 ♔xh7 44.♘f6+=

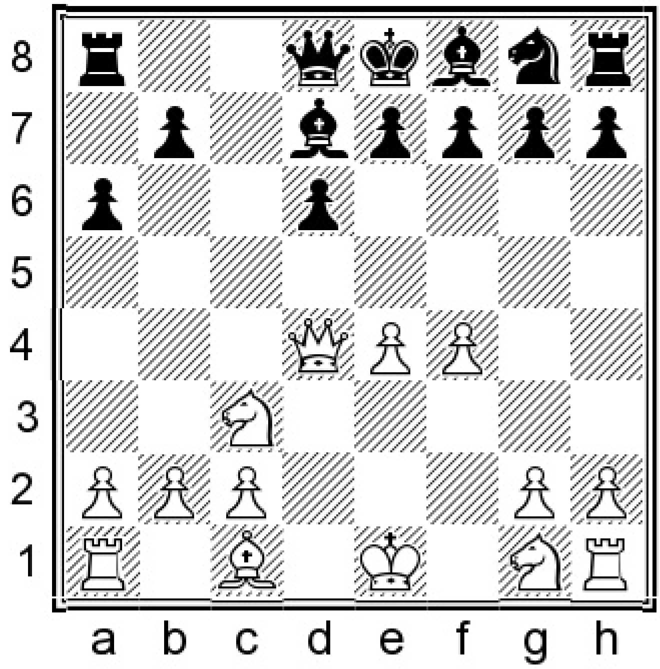
35...♔xf6-+ 36.bxc5 ♔f5 37.♔f1 e4 38.♔e1 ♔e5 39.♔f1 ♔d5 40.♔e2 ♔c4 0-1

50. B23
Shirov, Alexei (2704) - Supi, Luis Paulo (2603)
Chennai (ol) 153/50, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7

3...♗d7 - 152/40

4.d4 cxd4 5.♕xd4 a6 6.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 7.f4?!



7.♘f3

7...♗c6N

7...e6

8.♗d2 ♘f6 9.O-O-O g6 10.♘f3?!

10.g4! ♗g7 11.g5 ♘h5 12.♕d3⇄

10...♗g7 11.♖he1 O-O 12.♕f2 ♕a5?!

12...♕c7⇄

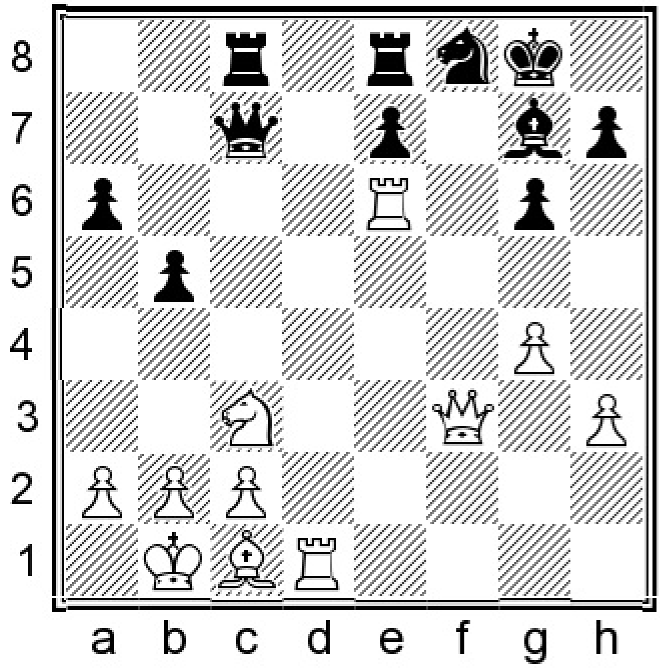
13.♔b1 ♖fe8 14.h3

14.♘d5? ♘xe4!-+; 14.e5 dxe5 15.♘xe5 ♕c7=

14...♖ac8 15.g4 ♕c7 16.♗c1 b5 17.e5 ♗xf3

17...♘d7 18.♘g5!? (18.e6!? fxe6 19.♘g5) 18...dxe5 19.fxe5 ♘xe5 20.♗f4 ♖f8 21.♖xe5!? h6! (21...♗xe5? 22.♕h4 h5 23.gxh5 ♗xf4 24.hxg6+-) 22.♘d5 ♗xd5 23.♖exd5 e5=

18.♕xf3 dxe5 19.fxe5 ♘d7 20.e6 fxe6 21.♖xe6 ♘f8?!

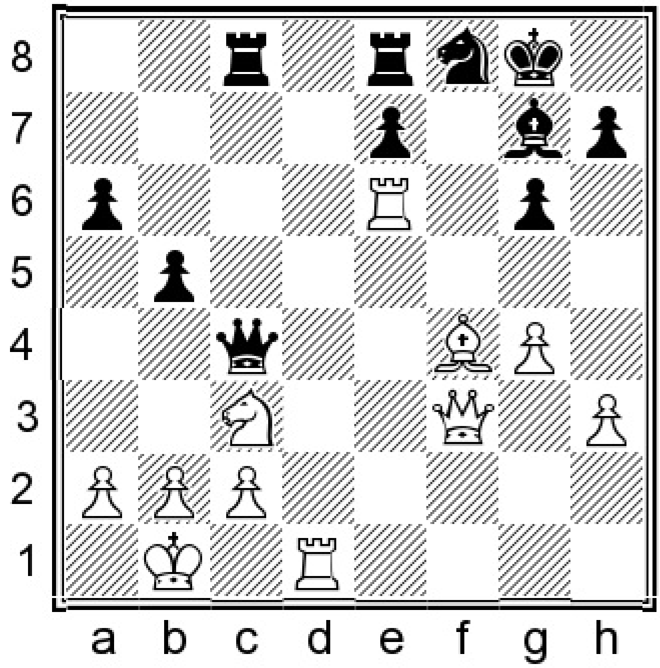


21...♗xc3 22.♕d5! ♗f6 (22...♕c4 23.♕xc4 bxc4 24.♖xd7±) 23.♖c6+! (23.♖xf6+? e6-+) 23...e6 24.♖xc7 exd5 25.♖xd7 ♖cd8 26.♖7xd5 ♖xd5 27.♖xd5 ♖e1 28.c3 ♖h1 29.♔c2 ♖xh3 30.♖d6±

22.♗f4

22.♖xa6!! b4 23.♗f4! e5 24.♗e3! e4 (24...bxc3 25.♖a7 ♕c4 26.b3 ♕e6 27.♖d6! e4 28.♕f2+-) 25.♕f2 ♖cd8 26.♘d5 ♕e5 27.c4! bxc3 28.♘xc3±

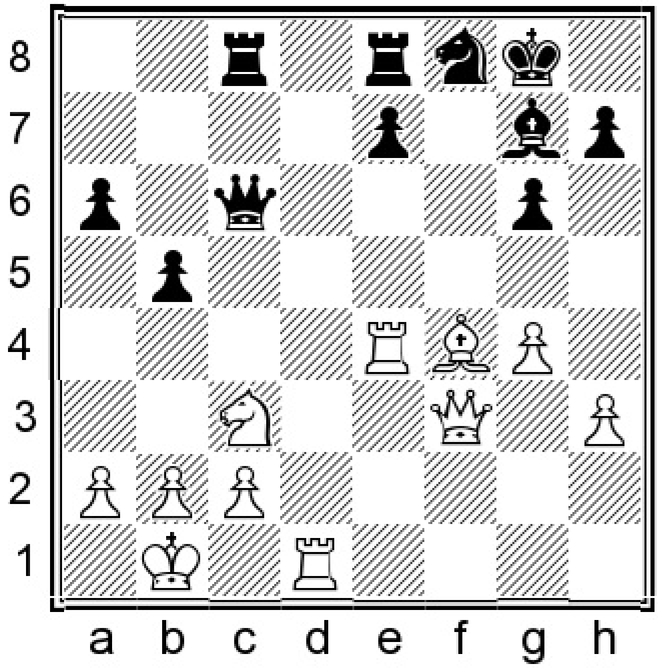
22...♕c4



23.♖e4?!

23.♖xa6! e5 (23...♗xc3 24.bxc3±) 24.♗c1 e4 25.♕f2 ♗xc3 (25...b4 26.♖a4□) 26.bxc3±

23...♕c6



24.♖e3

24.♕e2! ♗xc3 25.bxc3 ♕xc3 26.♗e5 ♕c6 27.♗b2 e5 28.♖xe5 ♖xe5 29.♗xe5 ♖e8 30.♕h2 ♘d7 31.♗b2 ♘b6±

24...♕xf3 25.♖xf3 ♘e6 26.♗c1 ♘d4

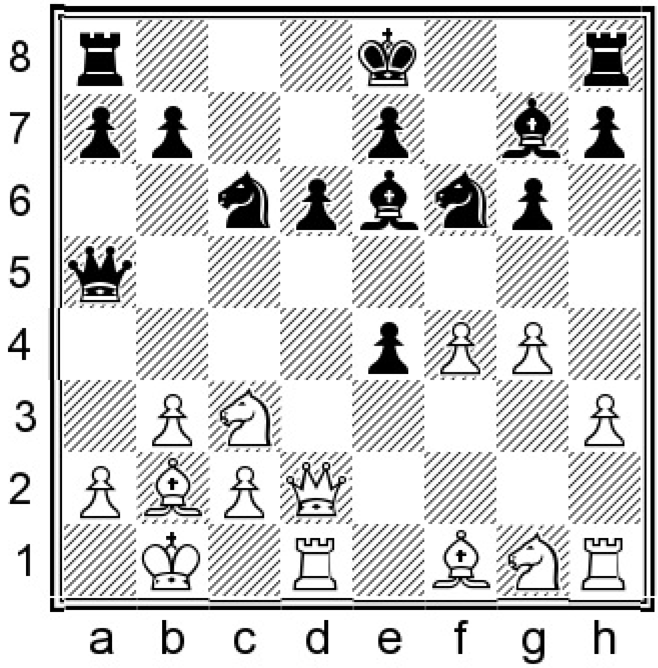
26...♗xc3 27.bxc3 ♘c5 28.♗h6 ♘e4=

27.♖f2 ♖f8 28.♖fd2 ♘f3 29.♖d7 ♗xc3 30.bxc3 ♖fe8 31.♗a3 ♘e5 32.♖xe7 ♖xe7 33.♗xe7 ♖xc3 34.♗f6 ♖e3 35.♖d8+ ♔f7 36.♗xe5 ♖xe5 37.♖d7+ ♖e7 38.♖d6 ♖e6 39.♖d7+ ♖e7 40.♖d6 ♖e6 41.♖d7+ ♖e7 1/2-1/2

51. * !N B23
Vallejo Pons, Francisco (2704) - Warmerdam, Max (2600)
Deutschland 153/51, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕d2 ♘f6

5...g6 6.b3 ♗h6 7.f4 f5 8.♗b2 ♘f6 9.O-O-O ♕a5 (9...♖f8= - 151/143) 10.♔b1 fxe4 11.h3 ♗e6 (11...O-O) 12.g4 ♗g7



13.♗g2N (13.♘ge2) 13...O-O-O (13...O-O!?) 14.♘xe4± Shirov,A (2695)-Sarana,A (2675) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 153/(51) 2022

6.b3 e6 7.♗b2 a6?!

7...d5 - 140/50

8.O-O-O b5 9.f3

9.♔b1±

9...♗e7

9...h5 - 136/50

10.♔b1 O-O

10...h5 11.♘h3 ♗d7 12.♘f2 b4 13.♘a4 e5 14.♕e3 ♖b8±

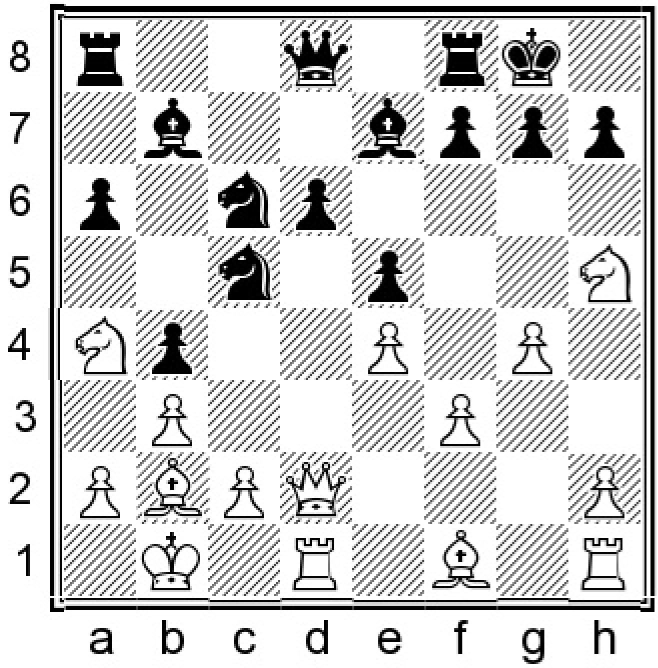
11.g4 ♘d7 12.♘ge2 ♗b7?!

12...b4 13.♘a4 ♘c5 14.♘g3 ♘xa4 15.bxa4 ♘a5 16.h4 ♗d7 17.♗d3 ♗f6 18.♗xf6 ♕xf6 19.♕g5±

13.♘g3 b4

13...♕c7±

14.♘a4 ♘c5 15.♘h5 e5



16.♗c4!N

16.♘g3 ♘xa4 17.bxa4 ♘d4 18.♗xd4 exd4 19.♗c4±

16...♘xa4 17.bxa4 ♘a5 18.♗b3 ♖c8 19.♘g3 ♕c7?

19...♖c6 20.♘f5 ♗c8 21.h4 ♗xf5 22.exf5 ♘c4±

20.♘f5 ♖fd8 21.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 22.♕xb4 ♕c7 23.♖d2?

23.g5! ♘xb3 24.cxb3 d5 25.♔a1 dxe4 26.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 27.♖c1 ♕d7 28.fxe4 ♖e8 29.h4+-

23...d5?

23...♘c4 24.♗xc4 ♕xc4 25.♕xc4 ♖xc4 26.♗xe5 ♗c6 27.♗xd6 ♗xa4±

24.♗xe5 ♕xe5 25.♕xa5 ♕f6 26.exd5 ♕xf3 27.♖e1 ♕xg4 28.d6

28.♖e7!?

28...♖d7 29.♖e7 ♖xe7 30.dxe7 ♖e8 31.♖d8 ♗c6 32.♕c5

32.♕d5!?+-

32...♕e4 33.♖d6

33.♗d5!+-

33...♗b7 34.♖d4

34.♖d8+-

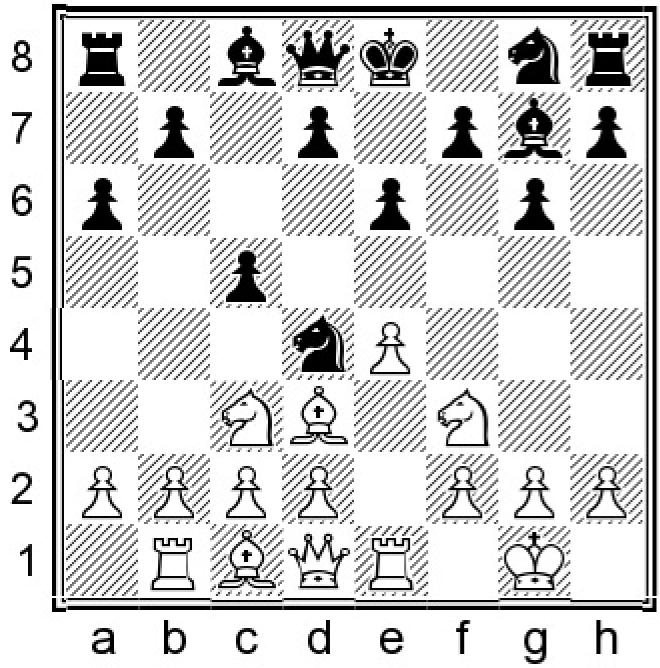
34...♕f3 35.♕e5 ♔h8 36.♖f4 ♕h1+ 37.♔b2 ♕xh2 38.♗xf7 1-0

52. ** B23
Cirrincione, Giansalvo - Kapoor, Lalit
corr 153/52, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘d4 4.♘f3 a6 5.♗d3 g6

5...♘c6 - 143/(36)

6.O-O ♗g7 7.♖e1 e6 8.♖b1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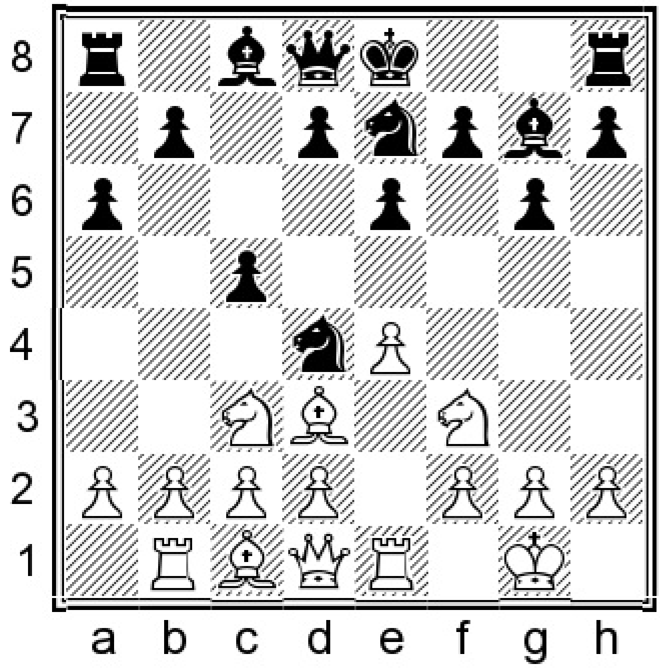
8...♘e7!?N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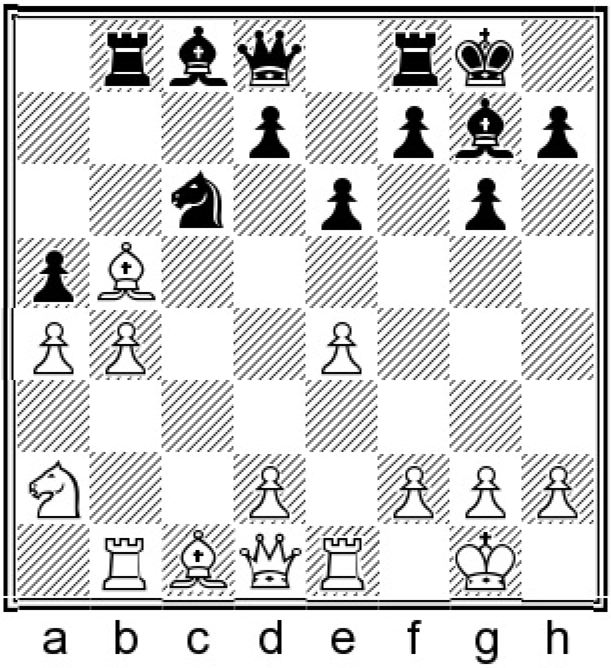
9.b4

9.a3N ♘ec6 10.b4 ♘xf3+ 11.♕xf3 ♘d4 12.♕d1 cxb4 13.♖xb4 b5 14.♖b1 ♖b8 15.a4 b4 16.♘a2 a5 (16...b3!?) 17.c3 ♘c6 18.♗b5 O-O 19.cxb4

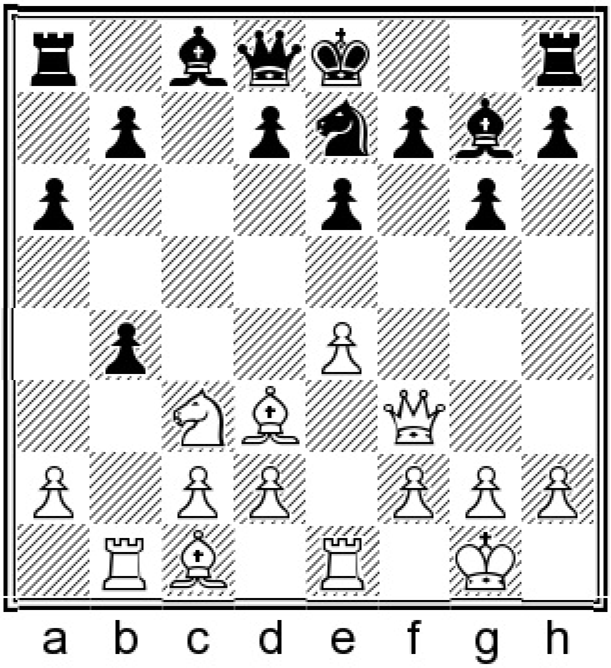


19...♘xb4?! (19...axb4 20.♗b2 ♘d4 21.♗xd4 ♗xd4 22.♘xb4±) 20.♘xb4 axb4 21.d4 d5 22.♗d2 dxe4 23.♗xb4 ♗b7 24.♗xf8 ♔xf8 25.♕d2 ♖c8 26.♖ed1 ♕d5?! (26...♗f6 27.a5 ♔g7 28.a6 ♗d5 29.♖bc1 ♖b8 30.♖c5±) 27.♗f1+- ♖d8 28.♕b4+ 1-0 (28) Vocaturo,D (2614)-De Eccher,S (2198) Italia 153/(52) 2022

9...♘xf3+

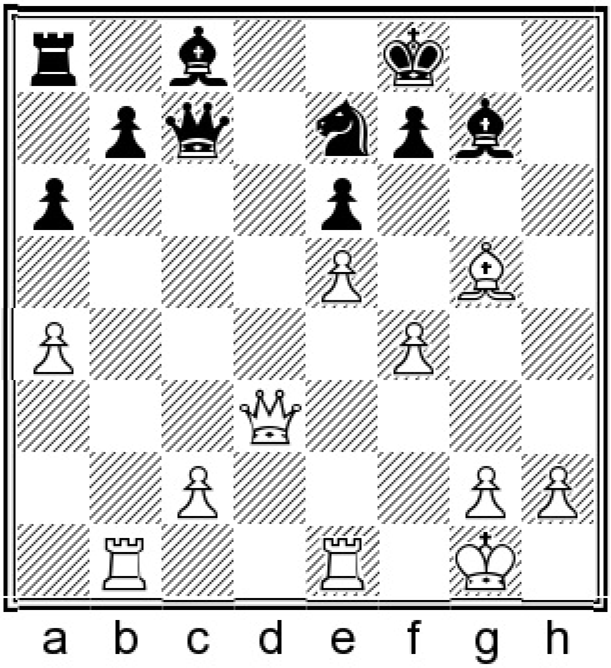
9...cxb4 10.♘xd4 ♗xd4 11.♖xb4 ♗e5 12.♖b1 O-O=

10.♕xf3 cxb4



11.♖xb4 O-O

11...♘c6N 12.♖b1 d6 13.a4 ♘e5 14.♕g3 O-O 15.♗f1 ♕c7 16.d4 ♘c6 17.♗f4 ♖d8 18.e5 dxe5 19.dxe5 h6 20.♘e4 g5 21.♘xg5 hxg5 22.♗xg5 ♔f8 23.f4 ♘e7 24.♗d3 ♖xd3 (24...♖d4!?) 25.♕xd3



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12.♖b1 d6

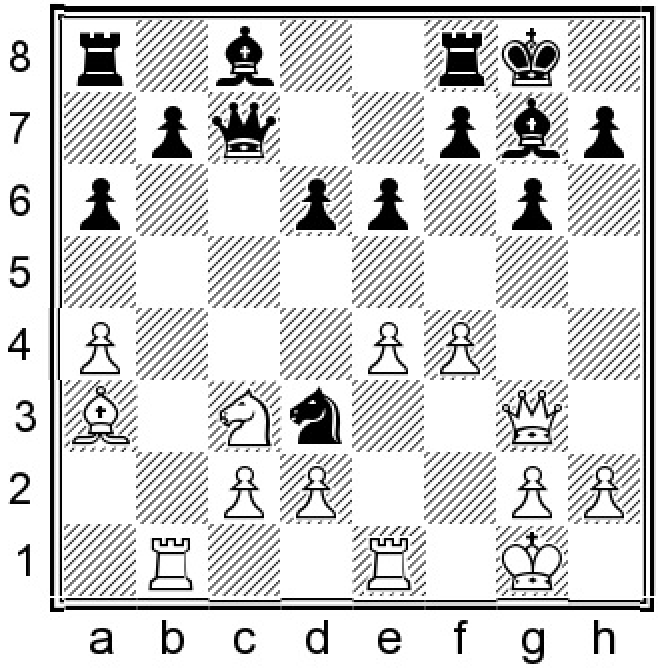
12...f5 13.♗a3 fxe4 14.♕xe4 d5 15.♕h4 ♗f6 16.♕g3 b5 17.♗d6 ♖f7 18.♗c7=

13.a4 ♘c6

13...♗e5 14.♗a3 ♖e8 15.♕h3 ♘c6 16.♖f1 ♕c7 17.f4 ♗g7 18.♔h1 ♘d4±

14.♕g3 ♕c7 15.♗a3 ♖d8

15...♘e5 16.f4 ♘xd3



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16.h4 ♘e5 17.h5 ♗d7 18.♖e3 b5

18...♘xd3 19.♗xd6 ♕c8 20.♖xd3±; 18...♗e8 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.♗f1 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.♗b4 ♘c4 23.♖e2 ♘a3 (23...♕f7 24.♘d1 ♗e5 25.♕h3 h5 26.d3 ♘a5 27.♗c3 g5 28.♗xe5 dxe5 29.c3 ♘b7 30.♕e3 g4±) 24.♖c1 ♗e5 25.♕h4 ♘c4 26.♘d1 ♕f7 27.♕h3 h5 28.♖e1 ♗f4 29.♗xc4 bxc4 30.♘e3 d5 31.♖b1 (31.♕f3 ♗h6 (31...♗d6 32.♕xf7+ ♗xf7 33.♗xd6 ♖xd6=) 32.♕h3 (32.♕e2 ♕f4 (32...♗g7 33.exd5 exd5 34.c3=) 33.exd5 exd5 34.♗c5 ♗f7=) 32...dxe4 33.♘xc4 ♖d4 34.♘d6 ♖xd6 35.♗xd6 ♗xd2 36.♕b3 ♗xc1 37.♖xc1=) 31...dxe4 32.♘xc4 ♗c6 33.♘a5 ♗a4 34.♖a1=

19.♗f1 ♖db8 20.a5 ♗h6 21.♗b4 ♗f8

21...♗xe3 22.fxe3 ♖e8 (22...♖d8 23.d4 ♘c6 24.♗xd6 ♕xa5 25.♖b3 b4 26.d5 exd5 27.♘xd5 ♗e6 28.♖d3 ♕a1 29.h6 f6 30.♗xb4 ♕e5 31.♕xe5 fxe5+-) 23.d4 ♘c6 24.♗xd6 ♕xa5 25.♘d1 ♕d8 26.e5+-

22.♘e2 ♖c8

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25...e5

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31...♗g4 32.f3 ♗e6 33.exd5 ♗d7 34.d6 ♖e8 35.♕g5 ♕g7 36.♖e4 ♖xe4 37.fxe4 ♖c8 38.h6 ♕c3 39.e5 ♖f8 40.♖d3±

32.♕f4 ♕e7

32...♖c6 33.♖xd5 ♗e6 34.♖d6 ♖xd6 35.♖xd6 ♗c4 36.h6 ♖xe4 37.♕xe4 ♕xd6 38.♗xc4 bxc4 39.♕a8+ ♕f8 40.♕xa6 ♕xh6 41.♕c8+ ♔g7 42.♕xc4 ♕d2 43.a6±

33.h6 ♔f8 34.exd5 ♕e5

34...g5 35.♕f3 ♕e5 36.♕a3+ ♕e7 37.♕d3 ♖ec8 38.♕g3 ♕f6 39.♖e4 ♖2c5 (39...♖2c3 40.♖e3 ♖xe3 41.♕xe3 ♕xh6 42.d6+-) 40.♖e2 (40.♖ee1 ♖c3 41.♖e3 ♖xe3 42.♕xe3 ♕xh6 43.d6 ♕e6 44.♕xg5 ♖c3 45.♕h4 ♔g7+-) 40...♖c3 41.♖e3 ♖xe3 42.♕xe3 ♕xh6 43.d6 ♕e6 44.♕xg5 ♖c3+-

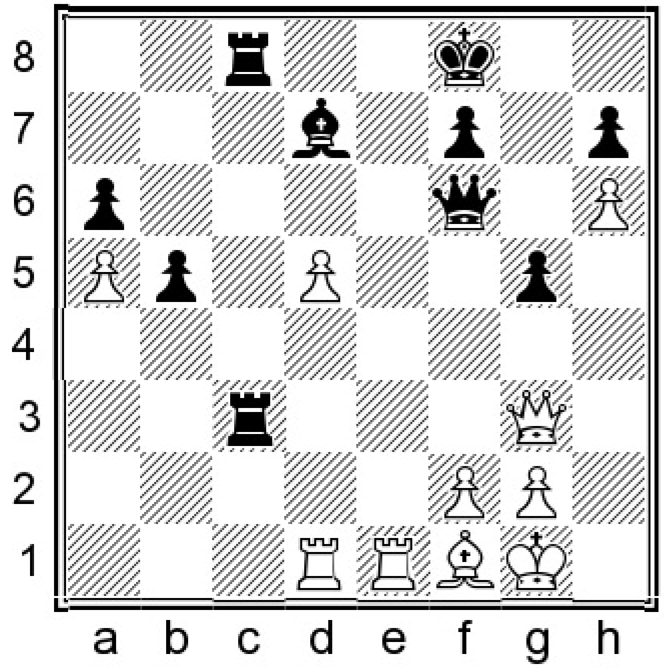
35.♕f3 g5 36.♕a3+ ♕e7 37.♕d3 ♖ec8 38.♕g3

38.♕xh7? ♕f6=

38...♕f6 39.♖e4 ♖2c5

⌓39...♖2c3 40.♖e3 ♖xe3 41.♕xe3 ♕xh6±

40.♖ee1 ♖c3



41.♗d3! b4 42.♕e3 b3 43.♕e4 ♖b8

43...g4 44.♗xa6 ♖c2 45.♖f1 ♖b8 46.♗d3 ♖cc8 47.♖fe1 b2 48.g3 ♖d8 49.a6 ♕xh6 50.♕e7+ ♔g7+-

44.♗xa6!+- ♖c5

44...b2 45.♗d3 ♖c5 46.a6 ♖e8 47.♕b4 ♖xe1+ 48.♖xe1 ♕c3 49.♖e4 ♕xb4 50.♖xb4 ♖xd5 51.a7 ♗c6 52.♗xh7 ♖d1+ 53.♔h2 ♖d6+-

45.♗b7!

45.♗b7 ♖xb7 46.a6 ♖b8 47.a7 ♖a8 48.♖d3 ♖xa7 49.♖xb3 ♖a8 50.♖f3

1-0

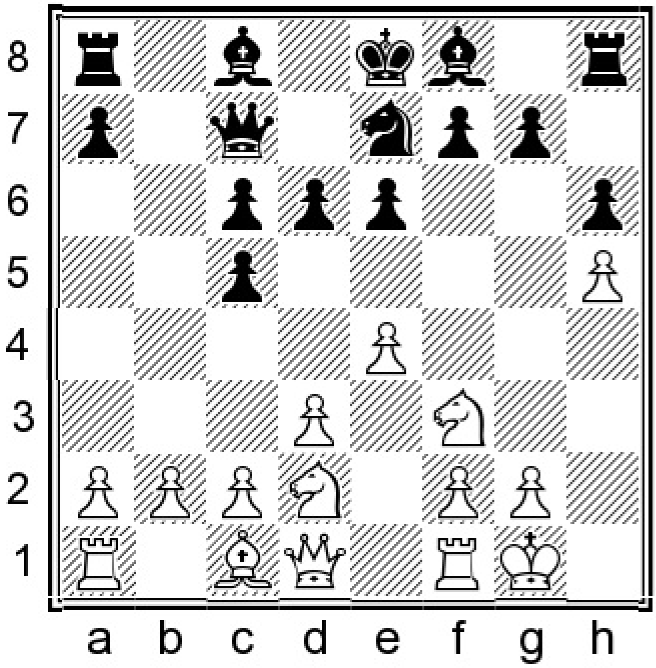
B25-B49

53. B30
Volokitin, Andrei (2674) - Theodorou, Nikolas (2575)
Chennai (ol) 153/53, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 e6 4.♗xc6 bxc6 5.d3 ♕c7 6.O-O ♘e7

6...d6 - 95/ (139)

7.h4 d6 8.h5 h6 9.♘bd2



9...g5N

9...e5 10.♘h4 ♘g8 11.f4 ♗e7 12.♕e1 exf4 13.♘c4 ♘f6 14.♗xf4 O-O 15.e5 dxe5 16.♗xe5 ♕d8 17.♘f5 ♗xf5 18.♖xf5±; 9...g6

10.e5 dxe5 11.♖e1 ♗g7 12.♘c4 ♗a6 13.♘fxe5 ♖d8 14.♗d2 ♖d5 15.♗a5

15.♘g4 ♗xc4 16.dxc4 ♖d8 17.♖b1 O-O 18.♕e2 ♘f5 19.c3 ♘d6∞

15...♕b8 16.♗c3 O-O 17.♕g4 ♗xc4

17...♘f5!? 18.♘xc6 ♕c7 19.♗xg7 (19.♘6a5 ♘d4 20.♗xd4 ♗xd4 (20...cxd4=∞) 21.♘b3 ♖fd8 22.♘e3 ♖5d7=∞) 19...♘xg7 20.♘6e5 ♖d4 21.♕e2 ♗b7=∞

18.♘xc4 ♗xc3

18...♗d4 19.♘e3 ♖d7 20.♕e4 ♕c7 21.g3±

19.bxc3 ♖f5 20.♖ab1

20.♘e3 ♖f4 21.♕e2 ♔g7 22.♖ab1 ♕c7 23.c4±

20...♕c7 21.♕g3 ♖f4 22.♕e3 ♖f5 23.♕g3 ♖f4 24.♕e3 ♖f5 25.♖b3± ♖d8 26.♖eb1 ♘d5 27.♕d2 ♕e7 28.♘e3?!

28.g3 ♔g7 29.♕e1 ♕f6 30.♖b8 ♖xb8 31.♖xb8 ♕xc3 32.♕xc3+ ♘xc3 33.♘d6 ♖f3 34.♖c8 g4 35.♖xc6 ♘d1 36.♘e4 f5 37.♘xc5 ♘xf2 38.♘xe6+ ♔f7 39.♘d4 ♘h3+ 40.♔h1 ♖f1+ 41.♔g2 ♖f2+=

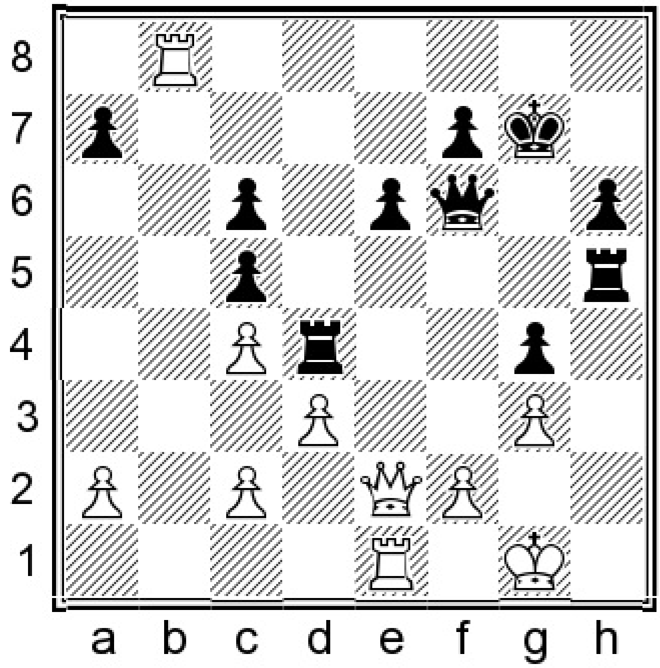
28...♘xe3 29.♕xe3

29.fxe3?! g4∓

29...♕f6 30.c4 ♖d4 31.♖b8+ ♔g7 32.g3 ♖e5 33.♕d2 g4 34.♖e1?!

34.♕d1 ♖f5 (34...♖xh5 35.♖a8 ♕f5 36.♖xa7 ♖h3 37.♕f1 ♖d8 38.♕e2 h5 39.♖a5 h4 40.♖xc5 ♖xg3+ 41.fxg3 ♕xc5+ 42.♔g2 h3+ 43.♔h2=) 35.c3 ♖d7 36.♕xg4+ ♖g5 37.♕e2∞

34...♖xh5 35.♕e2?!



35.♕e3 ♖f5∓

35...♖f4! 36.♖f1

36.gxf4 ♕xf4-+

36...♖e5

36...♖f3 37.♕e4 ♖h1+! 38.♔xh1 (38.♔g2 ♖xg3+ 39.♔xg3 ♕h4+ 40.♔f4 ♕g5+ 41.♔g3 ♖xf1-+) 38...♖xg3 39.fxg3 ♕xf1+ 40.♔h2 ♕h3+ 41.♔g1 ♕xg3+-+

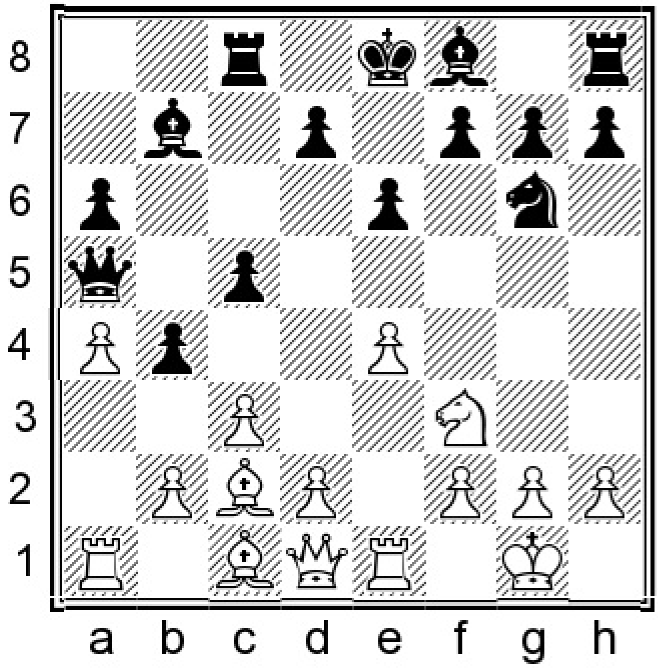
37.♕d2 ♖f3 38.♖e1 ♖ef5-+ 39.♖e2 ♖xg3+ 40.fxg3 ♖f1+ 41.♔h2 ♕a1 0-1

54. B30
Ziska, Helgi Dam (2549) - Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2688)
Chennai (ol) 153/54, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 e6 4.O-O ♘ge7 5.c3 a6 6.♗a4 b5 7.♗c2 ♗b7 8.♖e1 ♖c8 9.a4 ♘g6 10.♘a3

10.axb5 - 85/(117)

10...b4 11.♘c4 ♘a5 12.♘xa5 ♕xa5



13.d4N

13.cxb4 cxb4 (13...♕xb4 14.b3 ♗e7 15.♗b2 O-O 16.h4 ♗xh4 17.♘xh4 ♘xh4 18.♗c3 ♕b6 19.♕h5 ♘g6 20.♖e3 ♕d8 21.♖h3 h6) 14.d4 ♗d6 (14...♗e7 15.♗e3 O-O 16.♗d3 f5 17.exf5 exf5 (17...♖xf5 18.♗xf5 ♕xf5 19.♖c1 ♖f8 20.♖c7 ♕d5) 18.♖c1 ♖xc1 19.♗xc1 ♔h8) 15.♗d3 (15.d5 O-O 16.♗b3 exd5 17.exd5 h6) 15...O-O 16.♗e3 f5 17.exf5 ♘e7 18.fxe6 ♗xf3 19.gxf3 dxe6 20.♖c1 ♖cd8

13...c4!

13...cxd4 14.♕xd4 (14.cxd4 - 13.cb4) 14...bxc3 (14...f6 15.cxb4 ♗xb4 16.♖d1 ♖c7∞) 15.♖d1 ♗c6 16.bxc3 f6∞

14.♗e3

14.d5 b3 15.♗b1 ♗c5 16.h4 ♕c7 17.♗e3 ♘e5 18.♘d4 h5∓; 14.g3 b3 15.♗b1 ♗e7 16.♗e3 O-O 17.♘d2 f5∓

14...b3

14...♗e7 15.cxb4 ♗xb4 16.♗d2 O-O∞

15.♗b1 ♗e7 16.♘d2 O-O 17.♕e2 ♕c7 18.♕h5

18.♕g4 e5! 19.d5 (19.dxe5 ♘xe5 20.♕e2 ♘g6∞) 19...a5 20.♘f3 d6∞

18...f6

18...e5!? 19.dxe5 ♘xe5 20.a5 ♗c5 21.♕e2 ♗xe3 22.♕xe3 f6∞

19.a5 ♕c6 20.f4

20.♘f3 ♕c7 21.♕g4 ♗xe4 (21...♖ce8 22.♘d2 ♗d6 23.g3 ♕c6∞) 22.♗xe4 (22.♕xe4? f5-+) 22...f5 23.♗xf5 ♖xf5=

20...♗d6

20...f5!? 21.g3 ♘h8! 22.♕h3 ♖f6 23.♗f2 ♘f7∞

21.f5 exf5 22.♕xf5 ♖fe8

22...♖f7 23.♖f1 ♖e8 24.♘f3 ♗c7∞

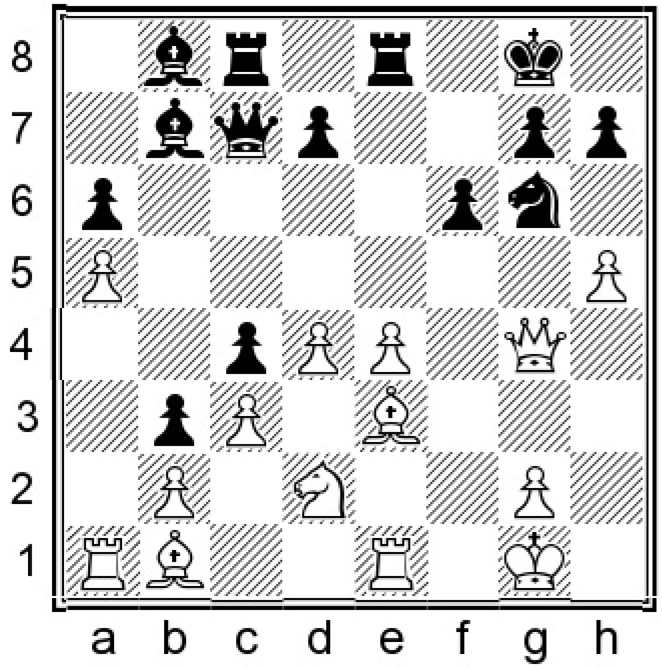
23.♕g4

23.♗f2 ♕c7 24.♘f1 ♖e6 25.♗g3 ♖ce8 26.♗xd6 ♕xd6 27.♘g3 ♕c6∞

23...♗b8 24.h4 ♕c7?!

24...♕d6 25.♘f1 f5! (25...♗c6 26.h5 ♘h8 27.♗h6 ♖e7 28.♘e3 ♕h2+ 29.♔f2 ♔f8 30.♘f1 ♕d6 31.♗d2±) 26.♕xf5 ♖f8 27.♕g4 h5! 28.♕xh5 ♖xf1+! 29.♔xf1 ♕h2 30.♕xg6 ♗g3 31.♔e2 (31.d5 ♕h1+ 32.♗g1 ♖f8+ 33.♔e2 ♕xg2+ 34.♔d1 ♕f3+ 35.♔d2 ♕g2+ 36.♔d1 ♕f3+=) 31...♕xg2+ 32.♔d1 ♖f8 33.♕g4 ♖f1 34.♗d2 ♖xe1+ 35.♗xe1 ♕xb2 36.♕e2 ♕xa1 37.♕xc4+ ♔h8 38.♕xb3 ♗xe1 39.♕xb7 ♗xc3 40.♕b8+ ♔h7 41.e5+ g6 42.♕b6 d6 43.♔e2 ♗xa5 44.♕b7+ ♔h8 45.♕c8+ ♔g7=

25.h5?!



25.♘f1 ♔h8 (25...♘e7 26.h5 ♖f8 27.♗f2 ♕c6 28.d5 ♕d6 29.♖a4±) 26.h5 ♘f4 27.♖a4 d5 28.e5! ♘d3 (28...fxe5 29.♗xf4 exf4 30.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 31.♕f5 g6 32.hxg6±) 29.♗xd3 cxd3 30.♗f4±

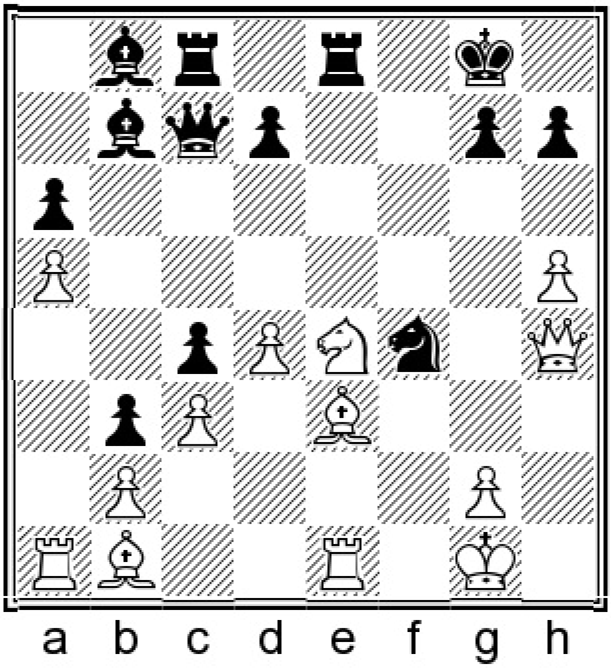
25...f5!

25...♕h2+!? 26.♔f1 f5! 27.♕h3 (27.♗g1 ♕c7∓; 27.exf5 ♗g3 28.♘e4 ♕h1+ 29.♗g1 ♗xe1 30.hxg6 ♕h4-+) 27...♕xh3 28.gxh3 ♘f4∓

26.♕h3

26.♕xf5? ♕h2+ 27.♔f1 ♖f8-+; 26.exf5 ♕h2+ 27.♔f2 (27.♔f1 - 25...Qh2) 27...♗xg2 28.♕xg2 ♗g3+-+

26...♘f4 27.♕h4 fxe4 28.♘xe4



28.♗xe4 ♘d3 29.♗xd3 cxd3 30.h6 ♕g3-+

28...♘xg2! 29.♔xg2 ♗xe4+ 30.♗xe4 ♖xe4!-+ 31.♕xe4 ♕h2+ 0-1

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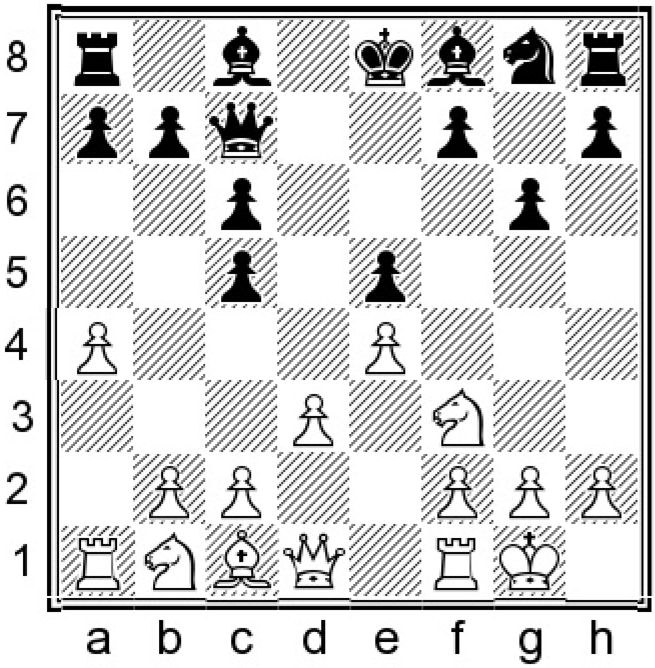
55. B31
Sindarov, Javokhir (2609) - Gukesh, Dommaraju (2659)
Sharjah 153/55, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.♗xc6 dxc6 5.d3 ♕c7

5...♗g7 - 135/50

6.O-O e5 7.a4



7...a5N

7...♘f6; 7...f6

8.♘a3 f6 9.c3 ♗e6 10.d4 ♖d8

10...O-O-O 11.♕c2 exd4 12.cxd4 cxd4 13.♖d1 ♘h6 (13...c5? 14.♘b5 ♕b6 15.♘fxd4+-) 14.h3 d3 15.♖xd3 ♖xd3 16.♕xd3 ♘f7 17.♗e3±

11.♗e3

11.♕c2!? cxd4 12.cxd4 exd4 13.♖d1 ♕b6 14.♘c4 ♕a6 15.b3 c5 16.e5±

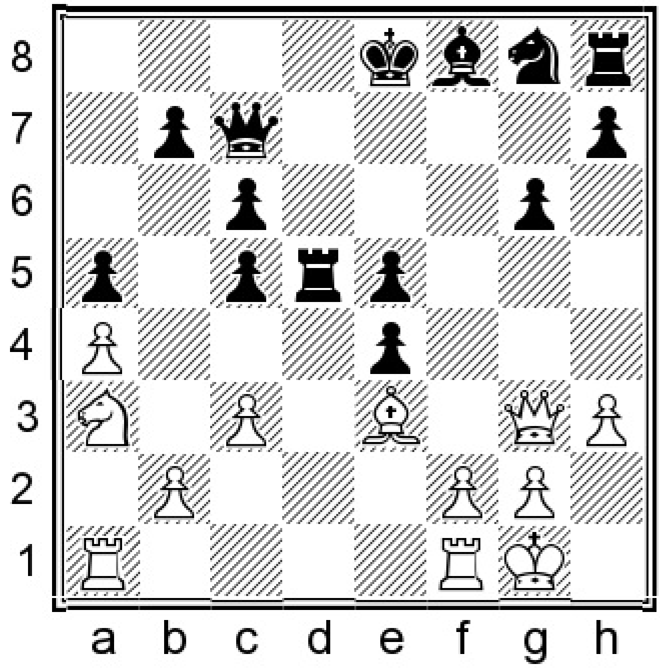
11...♗g4 12.d5 f5 13.h3 ♗xf3

13...♗h5 14.g4! fxg4 15.♘g5 gxh3 16.♘e6 ♕c8 17.f3±

14.♕xf3 fxe4 15.♕g3!

15.d6 ♗xd6 16.♕xe4 ♘f6 17.♕c4 ♕f7 18.♗g5±

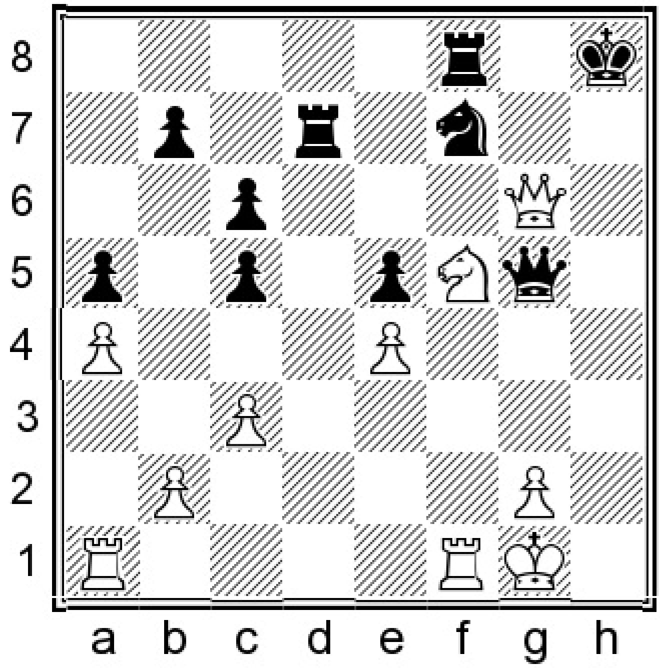
15...♖xd5



16.f3! ♗h6

16...exf3 17.♘b5! ♕d7 (17...cxb5 18.♕xf3 ♘e7 19.♗g5 ♕c6 20.♕f7+ ♔d7 21.♖f6 ♕c7 22.♖e6+-) 18.c4 ♖d3 19.♕xe5+ ♕e7 20.♕b8+ ♔f7 (20...♕d8 21.♕xb7+-) 21.♖xf3+ ♘f6 22.♖e1+-

17.♗xh6 ♘xh6 18.fxe4 ♖d7 19.♘c4 ♘f7 20.h4 O-O 21.h5± ♔g7 22.♘e3 ♕d8 23.♘f5+ ♔h8 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.♕xg6 ♕g5?!



25...♘g5 26.♖ad1 ♘h3+ 27.♔h2 ♘f4 28.♖xd7 ♘xg6 29.♖xd8 ♖xd8 30.g3 ♖d2+ 31.♔h3 ♖xb2 32.♔g4 ♘f8 33.♔g5 ♘h7+ 34.♔g6 ♖d2 35.♖b1 ♖d7 36.c4±

26.♘e7! ♕xe7

26...♖xe7 27.♕xg5+-

27.♖f5+- ♘g5 28.♖xg5 ♕g7 29.♖h5+ ♔g8 30.♕e6+ ♖ff7 31.♖f1 ♔f8 32.♖hf5 1-0

56. B31
Caruana, Fabiano (2783) - Gukesh, Dommaraju (2684)
Chennai (ol) 153/56, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.O-O ♗g7 5.♗xc6 bxc6 6.♖e1 ♕c7

6...♘h6 - 147/(33)

7.h3 d6 8.e5 dxe5 9.d3 c4 10.♘c3

10.♕e2 cxd3 11.cxd3 ♘f6 12.♘xe5 O-O 13.♘c3 c5 14.♗f4 ♕b7∞

10...cxd3

10...♗e6 11.♕e2 cxd3 12.cxd3 - 10...cd3

11.cxd3 ♘h6N

11...♗f5 12.♕e2 ♖d8 13.♘xe5 f6 14.♘f3 ♗xd3 15.♕e6±; 11...♗e6 12.♕e2 (12.♕a4 ♘f6 13.♘xe5 ♖c8 14.♗f4 ♕b7 15.♕a3 O-O 16.♘a4 ♕a6∞) 12...♘f6 13.♘xe5 O-O (13...♘d5 14.♘a4 ♗xe5 15.♕xe5 ♕xe5 16.♖xe5 ♗f5=) 14.♗f4 ♕b7∞

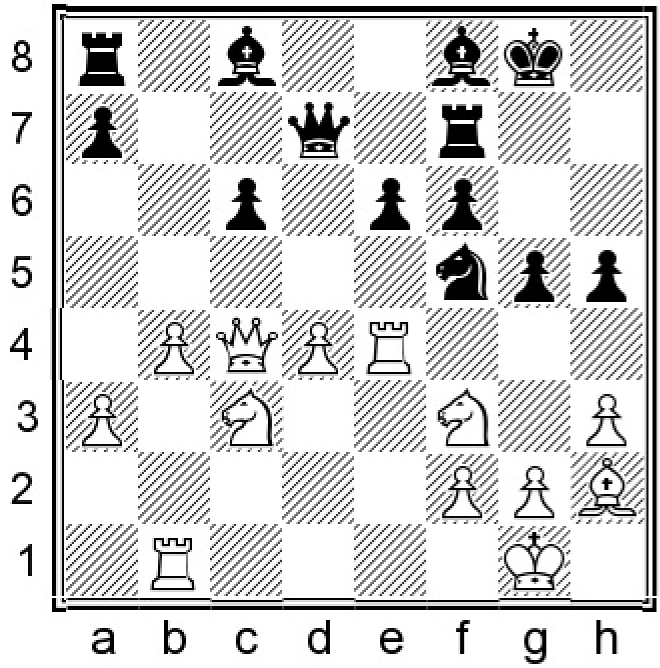
12.♘xe5 ♘f5 13.♗f4 ♕b7 14.♘a4 f6 15.♘f3 O-O 16.d4± g5 17.♗h2

17.♘c5! ♕b6 (17...♕xb2 18.♗c7±) 18.♗d2 ♘xd4 (18...♕xb2 19.d5! cxd5 20.♗c3! ♕xc3 21.♖c1+-) 19.b4 ♘xf3+ 20.♕xf3 e5 21.♖ac1±

17...h5 18.♖e4 ♕d7 19.♕c2 ♖f7 20.♖ae1 ♗f8 21.♕e2 ♕d5 22.♘c3 ♕d7 23.♕c4

23.♘xg5!? fxg5 24.♕xh5 ♘g7 (24...♘d6 25.♖e6 ♘c4 26.♖g6+ ♗g7 27.♗g3±) 25.♕xg5±

23...♕b7 24.b4 e6 25.♖b1 ♕d7 26.♖be1 ♕b7 27.♖b1 ♕d7 28.a3?!



28.♖be1=

28...a5! 29.♘a4

29.bxa5 ♖xa5 30.a4 ♗a6 31.♕xe6 ♗d3∓

29...♕d8 30.bxa5 ♖xa5 31.♘c5?

31.♕c2 ♖b5∓

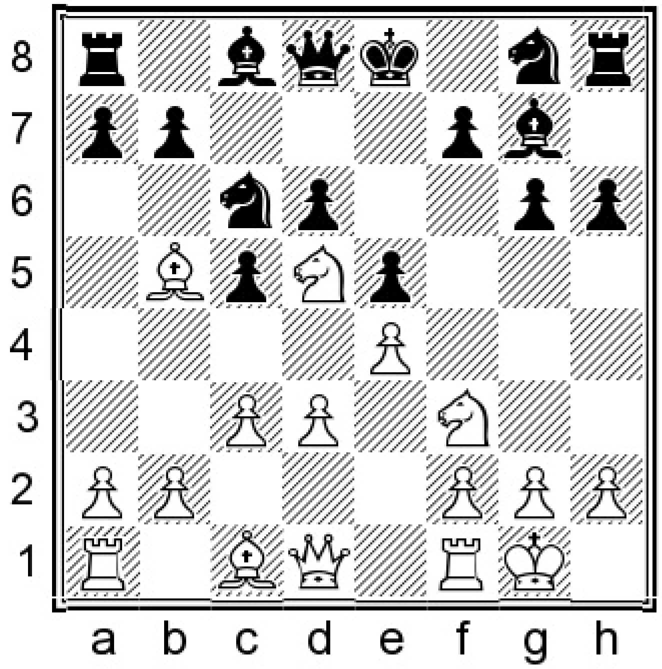
31...♕d5 32.♕e2 ♖xa3 33.♖d1 ♖fa7 34.g4 hxg4 35.hxg4 ♘h6 36.♗g3 e5 37.♘xe5 fxe5 38.♖xe5 ♗xg4! 39.♕d2 ♕f3-+ 40.♖xg5+ ♖g7 41.♖e1 ♗h3 42.♗d6 ♗xd6 43.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 44.♕g5+ ♔h7 45.♘e4 ♕xe4! 0-1

57. B31
Hracek, Zbynek (2564) - Krzyzanowski, Marcin (2535)
Praha II 153/57, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.O-O ♗g7 5.d3 e5

5...♘f6 - 152/45

6.♘c3 d6 7.♘d5 h6 8.c3



8...a6N

8...♘e7

9.♗c4 ♘ge7

9...b5 10.♗b3 ♘ge7 11.a4 ♖b8 12.axb5 axb5 13.h3 (13.♘xe7 ♘xe7 14.♗e3 (14.d4?! exd4 15.cxd4 c4 16.♗c2 O-O∓) 14...O-O 15.♕e2 ♕c7∞) 13...O-O 14.♖e1 ♔h7∞

10.b4!? cxb4 11.cxb4

11.♘xb4 ♘xb4 12.cxb4 d5 13.♗b3 ♗e6 14.♗b2 ♘c6 15.d4 dxe4 16.d5 ♗xd5 17.♗xd5 exf3 18.♕xf3 O-O 19.♗xc6 bxc6 20.♕xc6 ♕d3=

11...O-O 12.♗d2 ♔h7

12...♘xd5 13.♗xd5 (13.exd5?! ♘e7 14.a4 b6 15.♖c1 ♗b7 16.♕b3 b5! 17.axb5 axb5 18.♗xb5 ♗xd5∓) 13...♘e7 14.♗b3 d5 15.♗c3 (15.exd5 ♘xd5 16.♖e1 ♕d6=) 15...♕d6 16.♖e1 d4 17.♗d2 ♘c6 18.a3 ♗e6∞

13.♖c1 ♗e6 14.a4 ♗xd5 15.exd5 ♘b8 16.a5 ♘d7 17.♖e1 f5

17...b5!? 18.axb6 ♘xb6 19.♕b3 f5 20.♗e3 ♖b8 21.♖c2 a5! 22.b5 ♖a8∞

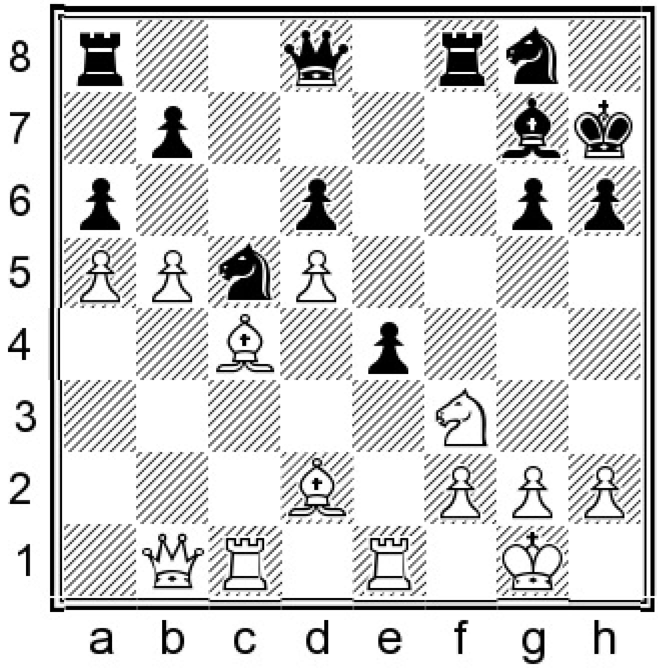
18.♕b3 ♘g8

18...b5! 19.axb6 ♘xb6 20.♗e3 ♖b8 21.h3 ♕d7∞

19.b5 ♘c5 20.♕b1 e4?!

20...♘f6 21.bxa6 bxa6 22.h3 ♘fd7 23.♗c3 ♖f7 24.♕a2 e4 25.dxe4 fxe4 26.♘d4 ♕h8 27.♖ed1 ♖af8∞ (27...♗e5∞)

21.dxe4 fxe4



22.♖xe4! ♘xe4 23.♕xe4 ♘f6 24.♕b1

24.♕h4!? ♘h5 25.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 26.bxa6 bxa6 27.♗d3±

24...♘d7

⌓24...♘h5 25.♖e1 ♘f4 26.bxa6 bxa6 27.♖e4 ♘h3+ 28.♔f1 ♖b8 29.♕d3 (29.♕d1±) 29...♕f6 30.♗xa6 ♔g8 31.♗b5 ♘g5 32.♖e3 ♕b2 33.♗c6±

25.♗d3 axb5

25...♕f6 26.♗c3 ♘e5 (26...♕f7 27.♗xg7 ♕xg7 28.♘h4+-) 27.♗xe5 dxe5 28.bxa6 bxa6 29.♖c6+-

26.♗xg6+ ♔h8 27.♕xb5 ♘c5 28.♗b1 ♕e7 29.♕c4 ♖ae8 30.♘h4 ♕e2 31.♘g6+ ♔g8 32.♘xf8 ♕xd2

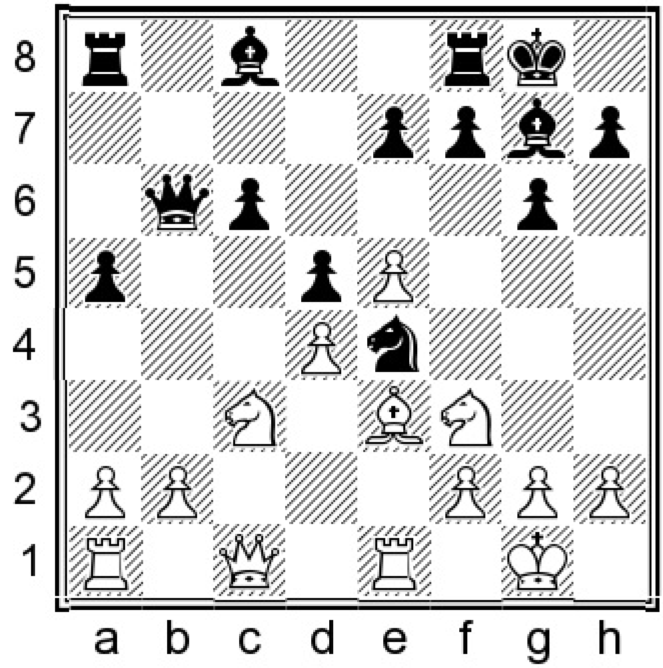
32...♕xc4 33.♖xc4 ♖e2 34.♗b4 ♖b2 35.♗c2+-

33.♘e6+- ♘xe6 34.dxe6 d5 35.♕c2 ♕xc2 36.♗xc2 ♖xe6 37.♗b3 ♖d6 38.♖c5 ♗f8 39.♖xd5 ♔g7 40.♖b5 ♖d7 41.♗d5 ♔f6 42.g3 ♖c7 43.♗xb7 ♖c1+ 44.♔g2 ♗c5 45.a6 1-0

58. * B31
Warmerdam, Max (2610) - Vakhidov, Jahongir (2564)
Chennai (ol) 153/58, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.O-O ♗g7 5.c3 ♘f6 6.d4!?

6.♖e1 O-O 7.d4 d5 8.e5 ♘e4 9.♗e3 cxd4 10.cxd4 ♕b6 11.♗xc6 (11.♕e2 - 151/49) 11...bxc6 (11...♕xc6 12.♘g5 ♘xg5 13.♗xg5 ♖e8 14.♘c3±) 12.♕c1 (12.♕c2! ♗f5 13.♘h4 ♖ab8 14.b3 c5 15.dxc5 ♕e6 16.♘xf5 gxf5 17.♘d2 ♗xe5 18.♖ad1±) 12...a5 13.♘c3

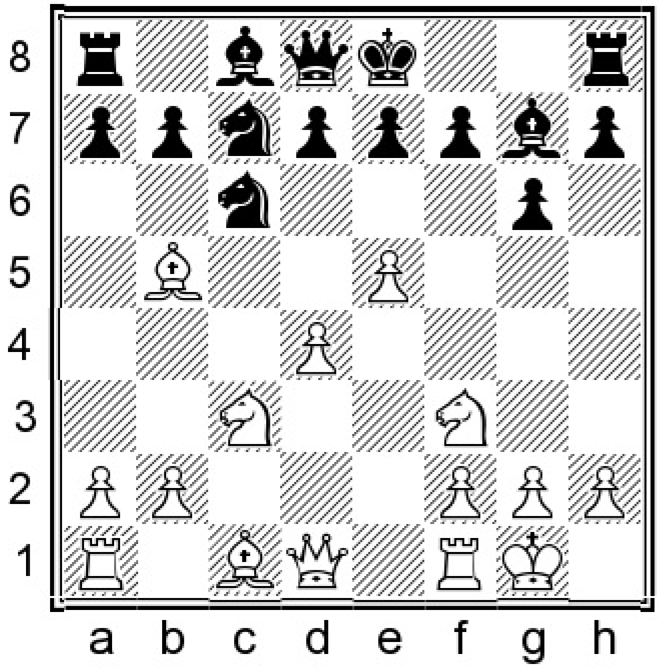


13...a4N (13...♘xc3) 14.♘xe4 dxe4 15.♘d2 ♗f5 16.♕c3 ♖fb8 17.b3 ♕b4 18.♕xb4 ♖xb4 19.a3 ♖b5 (19...♖xb3! 20.♘xb3 axb3 21.a4 ♗e6⯹) 20.b4 f6 21.exf6 ♗xf6 22.♖ac1± Giri,A (2773)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2624) Oslo 153/(58) 2022

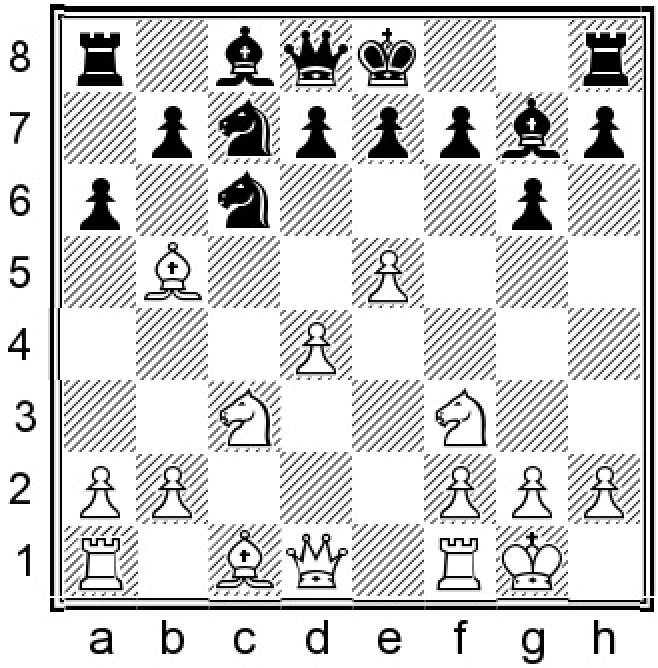
6...cxd4 7.e5

7.cxd4 ♘xe4 8.d5 ♘d6 9.♘a3 ♘b4! 10.♗g5 (10.♗f4?! O-O 11.♕d2 ♘a6!? 12.♗xa6 bxa6 13.♖ac1 a5 14.♖fe1 ♗a6 15.b3⯹; 10.♕b3 a5 11.♖e1 O-O 12.♗g5 ♗f6! (12...♖e8?! 13.♘c4! (13.♖ad1? ♘xb5∓)) 13.♗xf6 exf6 14.♘d4 b6 15.♕g3⯹) 10...O-O 11.♕d2 (11.♖e1 ♖e8 12.♕d2 - 11.Qd2) 11...a5 12.♖fe1 ♖e8⯹

7...♘d5 8.cxd4 ♘c7 9.♘c3!



9...a6N



9...♘xb5

10.♗c4?!

10.♗a4! O-O (10...b5 11.♗b3 ♘a5 12.d5 ♘xb3 13.♕xb3 ♗b7 14.♗g5±) 11.♗g5 d6 12.♖e1 dxe5 13.♗xc6! bxc6 14.♘xe5 ♗xe5 15.dxe5±

10...O-O 11.♗g5

11.♘e4! b5 12.♗b3 ♘a5 13.♖e1 ♘xb3 14.♕xb3 ♗b7 15.h4↑

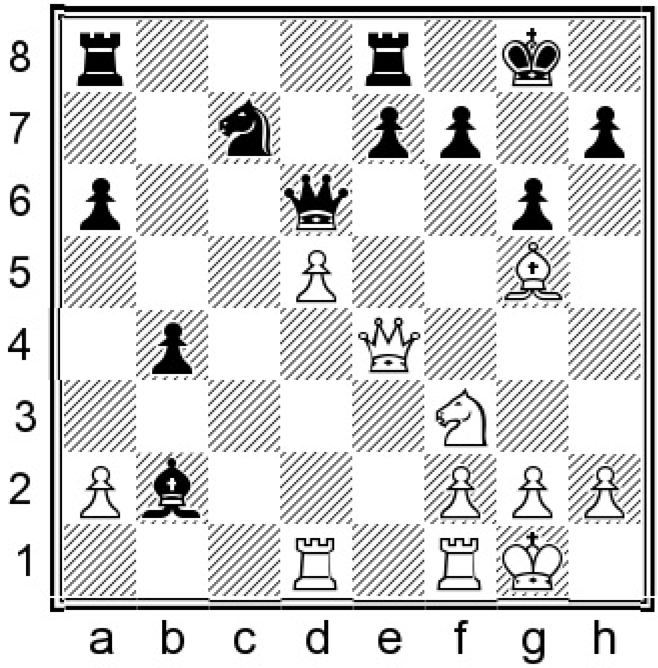
11...d6 12.exd6 ♕xd6 13.d5?! ♘a5 14.♕a4?!

14.♗e2 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 ♘xd5 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♕xd5∓

14...♘xc4∓ 15.♕xc4 b5 16.♕e4 ♖e8 17.♖ad1 ♗f5 18.♕h4 b4?!

18...♗xc3 19.bxc3 ♘xd5∓

19.♘e4 ♗xe4 20.♕xe4 ♗xb2



21.♖fe1?

21.♗f4 ♕c5 22.♗xc7 ♕xc7 23.♕xb4∓

21...♗c3 22.♖e3

22.♗xe7?? ♗xe1-+

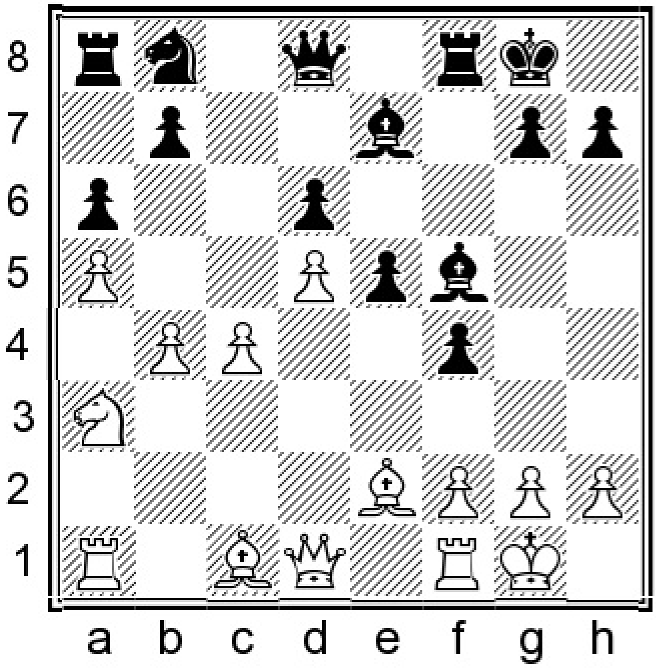
22...f6 23.♕h4 ♘xd5-+ 24.♖ed3 e6 25.♗xf6 ♗xf6 26.♕xf6 ♕xh2+ 27.♔xh2 ♘xf6 28.♖d6 ♘e4 29.♖b6 ♘xf2 30.♖d7 ♘g4+ 31.♔h3 ♘f6 32.♖dd6 a5 33.♘g5 ♖ad8 34.♖xd8 ♖xd8 35.♖xe6 ♖d3+ 36.g3 ♘h5 37.♔h4 ♘g7 38.♖a6 ♘f5+ 39.♔g4 ♖xg3+ 40.♔f4 ♖e3 41.♖xa5 ♖e7 42.♖b5 h6 43.♖b8+ ♔g7 44.♘f3 ♘e3 45.♔g3 ♖e4 46.♖b7+ ♔f6 47.♖b6+ ♔f7 48.♖b7+ ♔e8 49.♘d2 ♖d4 50.♘b3 ♘f5+ 51.♔f3 ♖c4 52.♘d2 ♖d4 53.♘e4 g5 54.♘c5 g4+ 55.♔e2 g3 56.♔f3 ♖c4 57.♘e6 ♖c3+ 58.♔f4 g2 59.♘g7+ ♔d8 60.♖b8+ ♔d7 0-1

59. B33
Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2688) - Gukesh, Dommaraju (2684)
Biel 153/59, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♘d5 ♘xd5 8.exd5 ♘b8 9.a4 ♗e7 10.♗e2 O-O 11.O-O f5 12.b4

12.f4 - 141/(46)

12...a6 13.♘a3 f4 14.a5 ♗f5 15.c4



15...♘d7N

15...♔h8

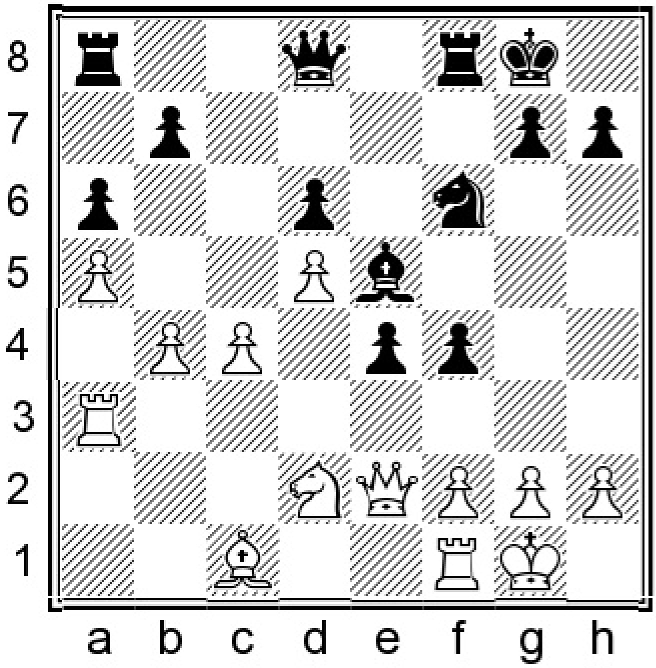
16.♘b1

16.♗g4 ♖c8 17.♗xf5 ♖xf5 18.f3 ♖f7 19.♕e2 b6 20.♘b1 bxa5 21.bxa5 ♗f6 22.♖a2 ♘c5 23.♘d2 ♖b7∞

16...♗f6

16...♗g5! 17.♗g4 (17.f3 ♗f6 18.♗b2 (18.♘d2 e4 19.fxe4 ♗xa1 20.exf5 ♕e7∓) 18...e4 19.♗d4 e3∓) 17...e4 18.♗xf5 ♖xf5∓

17.♗g4 ♗xg4 18.♕xg4 e4 19.♖a3 ♗e5 20.♘d2 ♘f6 21.♕e2



21...f3! 22.gxf3 ♘h5

22...♘xd5!? 23.♘xe4 (23.cxd5? ♕g5+ 24.♔h1 ♕f4-+) 23...♕h4 24.♘g3 ♘f4 25.♕e4 (25.♗xf4 ♖xf4 26.♔g2 ♖xc4 27.♖b1 ♖ac8∞) 25...♕h3 26.♗xf4 ♖xf4 27.♕xb7 ♖af8 28.♖e1 ♖h4 29.♕d5+ ♔h8 30.♘f1 h6=∞

23.♘xe4 ♕h4 24.♘g3 ♖ae8 25.♖d1 ♗f4=∞ 26.♗e3

26.♕f1 ♘xg3 27.fxg3 ♗xg3 28.hxg3 ♕xg3+ 29.♕g2 ♖e1+ 30.♖xe1 ♕xe1+ 31.♕f1 ♕g3+ 32.♕g2 ♕e1+=

26...♖f6! 27.♖d4 ♖h6 28.♕d2 g5 29.♖e4 ♖xe4 30.fxe4 ♘f6 31.♔f1 ♗xg3 32.fxg3

32.hxg3? ♕g4 33.♗xg5 ♖h1+ 34.♔g2 ♕h3+ 35.♔f3 ♕h5+ 36.♔g2 ♖h2+ 37.♔g1 (37.♔f1 ♘xe4-+) 37...♕h3-+

32...♕xe4 33.♔g1 ♘g4 34.♕d3 ♕e5 35.♕d4?

35.♗d2! ♖xh2 36.♗c3 ♕e8 (36...♕e7 37.♖a1 ♖h1+ 38.♔g2 ♖h2+ 39.♔g1=) 37.♕d4 ♘e5 38.♕e4 ♕h5 39.♗xe5 ♖h1+ 40.♕xh1 ♕d1+ 41.♔g2 ♕e2+ 42.♔g1 ♕d1+=

35...♕f5 36.♕d3 ♕e5?

36...♘xe3-+ - 36...Qe5

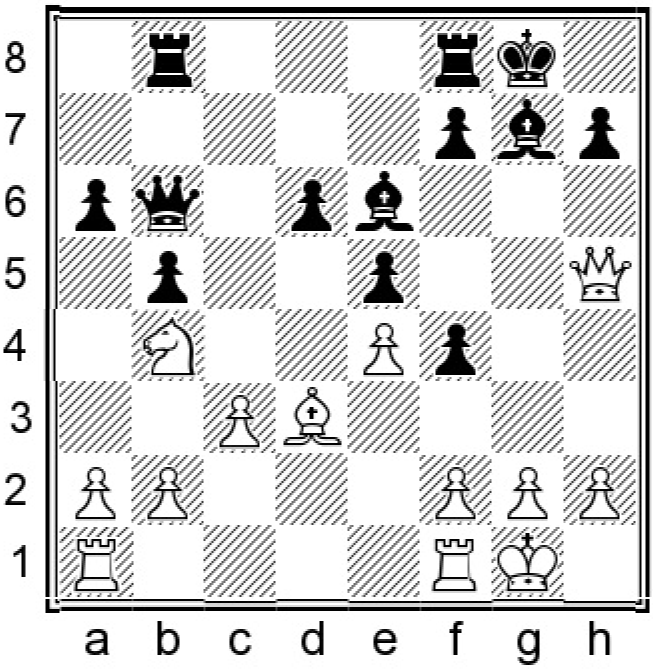
37.♕d4 ♕f5 38.♕d3 ♘xe3-+ 39.♕xe3 ♕b1+ 40.♔g2 ♕c2+ 41.♔f1 ♖f6+ 42.♔e1 ♕b1+ 43.♔d2 ♔f8 44.♔c3 ♖f1 45.♕e2 g4! 46.♔d4 ♖d1+ 47.♔c3 ♕c1+ 0-1

60. B33
Mastrovasilis, Dimitrios (2599) - Caruana, Fabiano (2783)
Chennai (ol) 153/60, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.♘a3 b5 9.♗xf6 gxf6 10.♘d5 f5 11.♗d3 ♗e6 12.O-O ♗g7 13.♕h5 ♖b8

13...f4 - 94/(102)

14.c3 f4 15.♘c2 O-O 16.♘cb4 ♘xb4 17.♘xb4 ♕b6



18.♖ad1N

18.♘d5 ♕d8 19.♖ad1 ♔h8 (19...a5 - 18.Rad1) 20.♗e2 f5 21.♗f3 a5 22.a3 ♗f7 23.♕h3 ♗e6 24.exf5 ♗xf5 25.♗g4 ♗g6 26.f3 ♖b7∞; 18.♖fd1 ♔h8 19.h3 ♖g8 20.a4 ♗f6 21.♘d5 ♗xd5 22.exd5 ♖g7∞

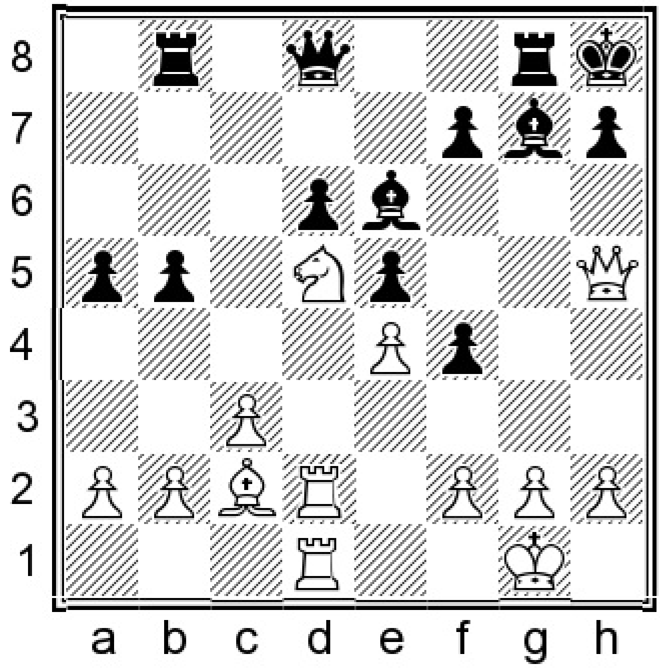
18...a5 19.♘d5 ♕d8 20.♗c2

20.♗e2 ♕d7 (20...b4 21.cxb4 axb4 22.♖fe1 ♔h8 23.b3 f5 24.exf5 ♖xf5 25.♕h3 ♖f6 26.♗g4 ♖h6 27.♕f3 ♗f7 28.h3±) 21.♖d2 f5 22.♗f3 ♖f7 23.♕h4±

20...♔h8? 21.♖d2?!

21.♔h1 ♖g8 22.g3 ♗f8 23.♕e2 ♕g5 24.♖g1 ♗h6∞

21...♖g8 22.♖fd1



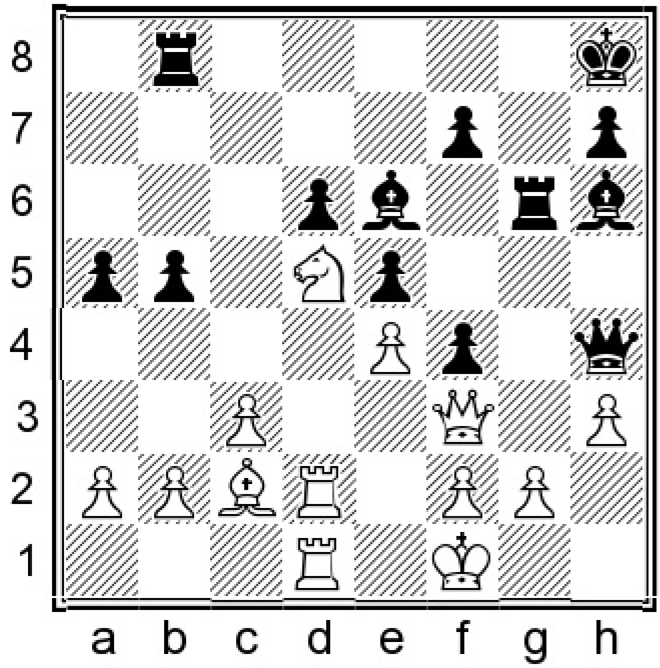
22...♗h6! 23.h3

23.♕xh6? ♖g6 24.♕h5 ♗g4-+

23...♖g6∓ 24.♕f3

24.♖d3 ♕d7 25.♔h1 ♗g5 26.♖g1 ♖bg8∓

24...♕h4 25.♔f1



25...♖xg2! 26.♔xg2 ♖g8+ 27.♔f1

27.♔h2 ♗g4 28.♕d3 f3-+

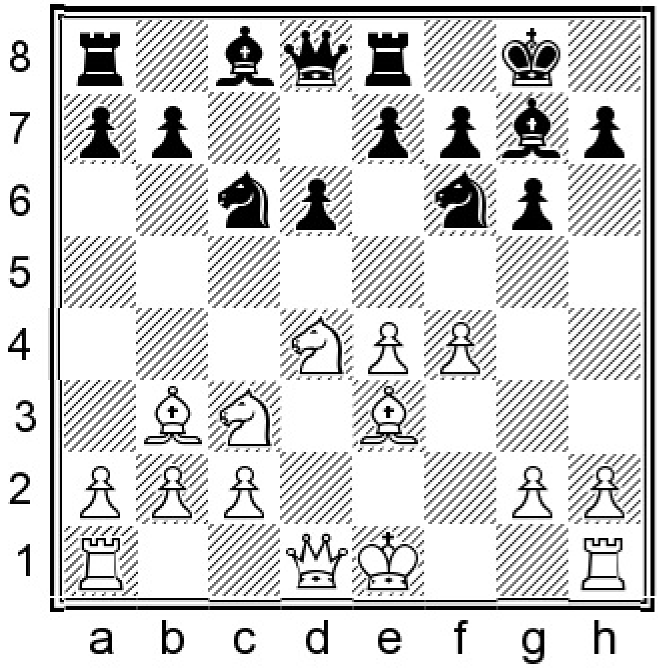
27...♗xh3+ 28.♔e1 ♗g2-+ 29.♖d3 ♗xf3 30.♖xf3 ♖g2 31.♔e2 ♗g5 32.♖f1 ♕g4 33.♗d1 f5 34.♗c2 ♖h2 35.exf5 ♖h3 36.♗e4 ♖xf3 37.♗xf3 ♕xf5 0-1

61. B35
Fakhrutdinov, Timur (2501) - Zvjaginsev, Vadim (2603)
Moscow 153/61, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 g6 5.♘c3 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♗c4 O-O 8.♗b3 ♖e8 9.f4

9.O-O - 143/40

9...d6



10.♘xc6N

10.♕f3

10...bxc6 11.♕f3 a5 12.e5

12.O-O e6 13.♖ad1 ♗a6 14.♖fe1 d5∞

12...♘g4! 13.♗d2

13.O-O-O ♘xe3 14.♕xe3 ♖f8 15.♖he1 ♕c7 16.h3 ♖b8∞

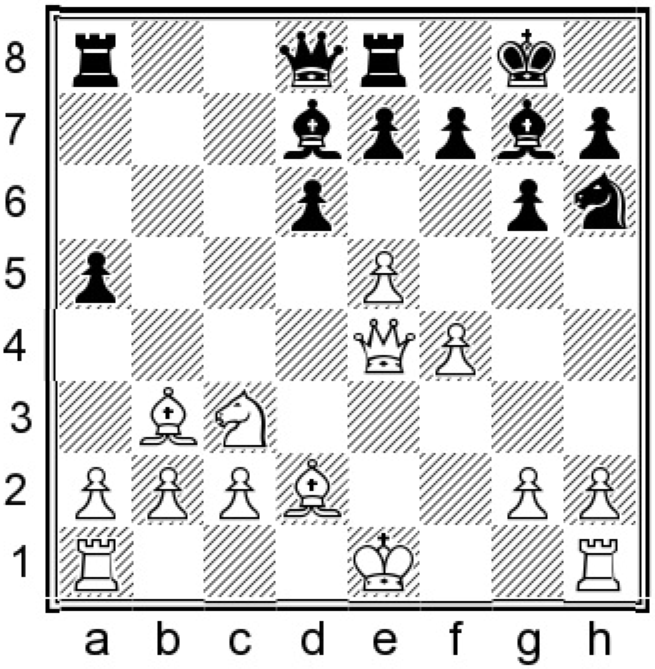
13...♘h6

13...dxe5!? 14.h3 e4 15.♘xe4 (15.♕xe4? e5-+) 15...♘f6 16.♘c3 e5 17.O-O-O e4 18.♕f2 ♗e6∓

14.♕xc6

14.O-O ♕c7 15.♘a4 ♖b8 16.♖ae1 c5 17.♕e2 e6∓

14...♗d7 15.♕e4



15...e6! 16.exd6

16.♘a4 dxe5 17.O-O-O ♕c7 18.♗c3 ♗c6 19.♗xe5 ♕b7 20.♕e2 ♗xe5 21.♕xe5 ♘g4 22.♕e1 ♗xg2 23.♖g1 ♗f3 24.♖d3 ♖ed8∓

16...♘f5 17.a4 ♘d4

17...♘xd6 18.♕d3 ♗c6 19.O-O-O ♕c7∓

18.♕d3 ♗c6

18...♖b8! 19.O-O ♘xb3 20.cxb3 ♖xb3 21.♗e3 ♕b8 22.♕a6 ♖xb2 23.♘b5 e5∓

19.O-O?

19.♘b5 ♘xb3 20.cxb3 (20.♕xb3 ♗xb5 21.axb5 ♕xd6 22.♗e3 ♗d4⯹) 20...e5 21.♘c7 (21.O-O e4 22.♕e3 ♗xb5 23.axb5 ♕xd6 24.♗c3 ♕d5∞) 21...exf4+ 22.♘xe8 ♕h4+ 23.♔d1 ♖xe8 24.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 25.♗xe1 ♕g4+ 26.♔c1 ♕xg2 27.♗c3 ♗xc3 28.bxc3 f3 29.d7 ♗xd7 30.♕xd7 f2 31.♕d8+ ♔g7 32.♕d4+ ♔g8=

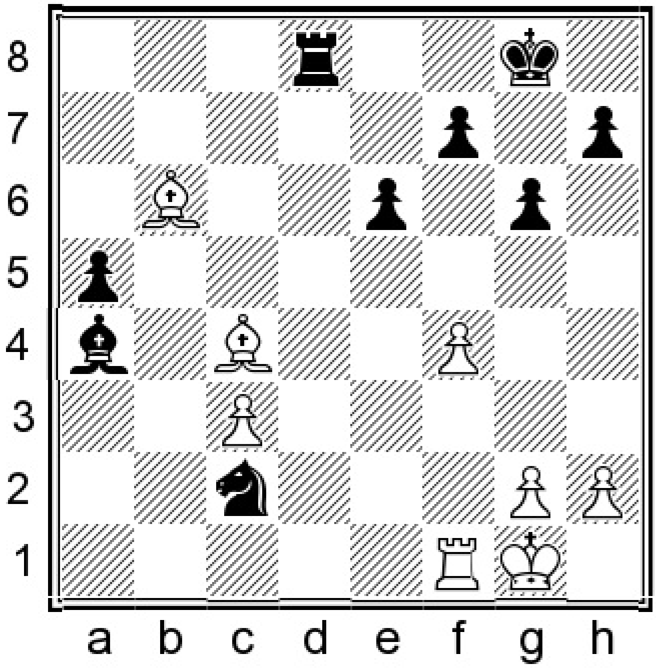
19...♕xd6 20.♗e3

20.♘b5 ♘xb5 21.axb5 ♕xd3 22.cxd3 ♗xb5∓

20...♖ed8 21.♖ad1 ♕b4

21...♕e7 22.♕c4 (22.♗xd4 ♖xd4 23.♕e3 ♖ad8∓) 22...♘f5 23.♕e2 ♕b7 24.♗c5 ♘h4∓

22.♕c4 ♕xc4 23.♗xc4 ♘xc2 24.♗f2 ♗xc3! 25.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 26.bxc3 ♗xa4 27.♗b6



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30.♗e2 ♘xg2 31.♗c7 ♖b2 32.♔f2 f6∓

30...♖b2 31.g3 ♘g4-+ 32.♗c4 ♖g2+ 0-1

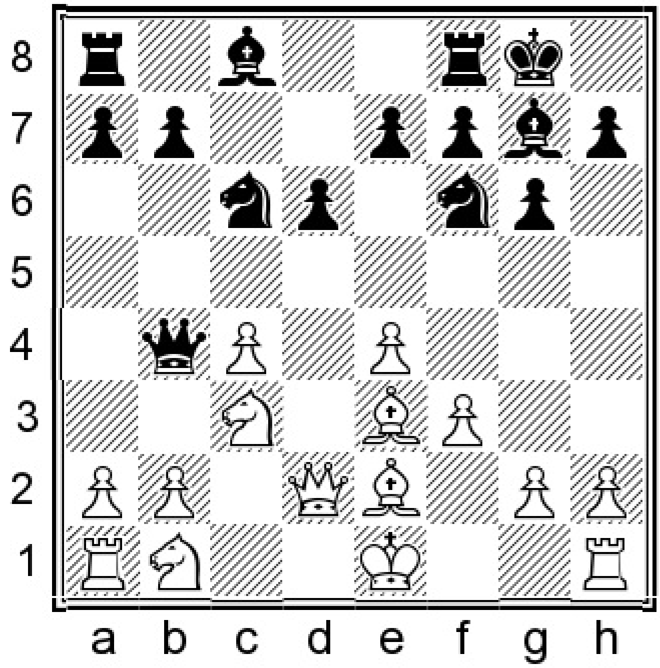
62. * !N B38
Kamsky, Gata (2655) - Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2688)
Biel 153/62, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 g6 5.c4 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♕b6

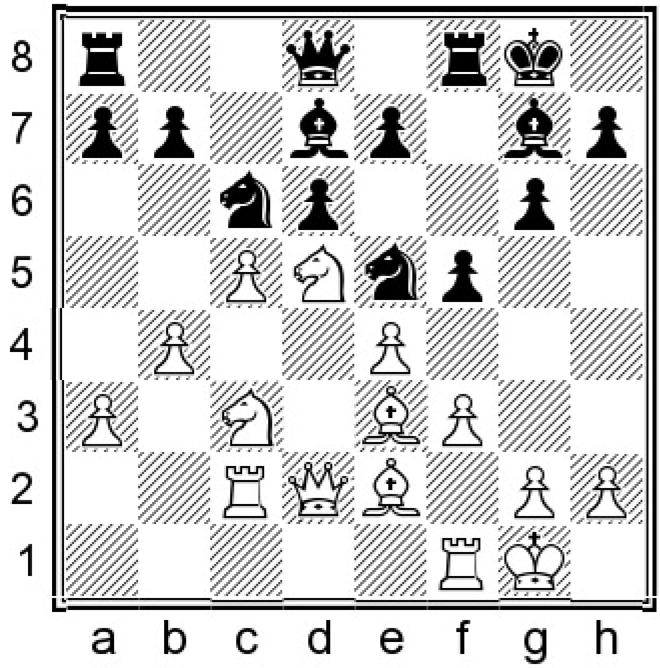
6...♘f6 - 136/54

7.♘b5 ♕a5+ 8.♘5c3 ♕b4 9.♕d2 d6 10.♗e2 ♘f6 11.f3 ♗e6

11...O-O

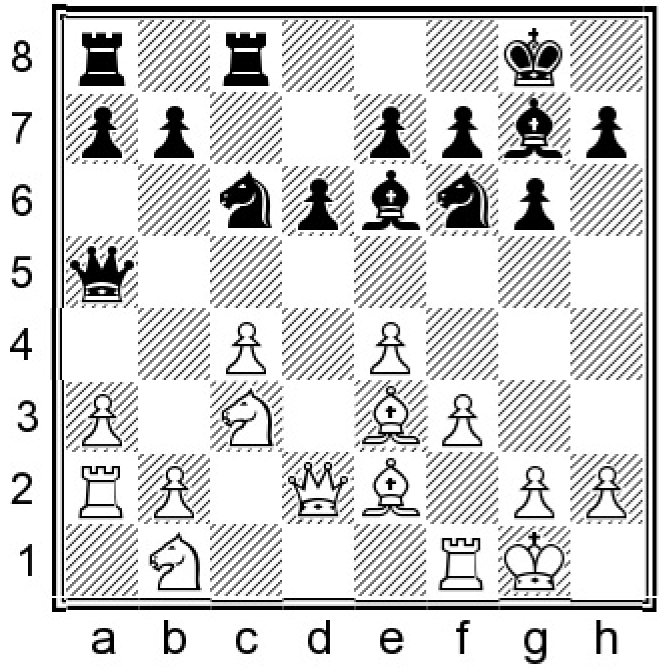


12.a3N (12.O-O) 12...♕a5 13.♖a2 ♗e6 14.b4 ♕d8 15.♖c2 ♘d7 16.♘d5 (16.O-O f5 17.exf5 ♗xf5 18.♖cc1 ♔h8 19.♖fd1±) 16...f5 17.♘bc3 ♘de5 (17...fxe4 18.♘xe4 ♗f5 19.♘dc3±) 18.O-O ♗d7 19.c5



19...fxe4 (19...dxc5 20.♗xc5 b6 21.♗e3 fxe4 22.♘xe4 ♗f5 23.♖d1±) 20.♘xe4 ♗f5 21.b5 ♘a5 22.cxd6 exd6 23.♗g5+- ♘b3 24.♕e3 ♘d4 25.♗xd8 1-0 (25) Kulaots,K (2543) -Koykka,P (2361) Jyvaskyla 153/(62) 2022

12.O-O O-O 13.a3 ♕a5 14.♖a2 ♖fc8



15.b3!N

15.b4 ♕d8 16.♘d5 ♘e5 17.♖c2 ♘xd5! (17...♘fd7; 17...b5!?) 18.cxd5 (18.exd5 ♗f5 19.♖c3 e6 20.dxe6 ♗xe6 21.♖fc1 ♕e7∞) 18...♖xc2 19.♕xc2 ♗d7 20.♖c1 ♖c8 21.♕d1 ♖xc1 22.♕xc1 a6=

15...♕d8 16.♖c1 ♘d7

16...♘a5 17.♕d1 a6 18.a4 (18.♘d5 ♗xd5 19.exd5 b5∞) 18...♘c6 19.♖d2± (19.♗f1±)

17.♕d1 a6

17...f5 18.♖d2 ♕f8 19.exf5 ♗xf5 20.♗f1 ♘f6 21.♘e2±

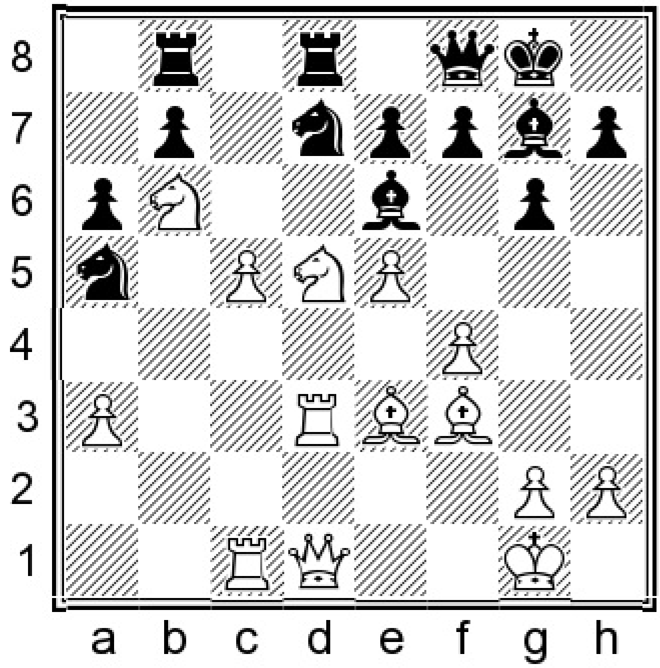
18.♘d5 ♘a5

⌓18...b5 19.♖ac2 (19.cxb5 ♗xd5 20.exd5 ♗d4 21.♕d2 ♗xe3+ 22.♕xe3 ♘d4 23.♖xc8 ♘xe2+ 24.♖xe2 ♕xc8 25.♔f1±) 19...bxc4 20.♖xc4 ♗xd5 21.exd5 ♘a7 22.♖xc8 ♘xc8 23.f4±

19.b4 ♘c6 20.♘bc3 ♘ce5 21.♘a4 ♖ab8 22.c5± dxc5 23.bxc5

23.♘xc5 ♗xd5 24.exd5 ♘f6 25.♖d2±

23...♕f8 24.♖d2 ♖d8 25.f4 ♘c6 26.♗f3 ♘a5 27.♖d3 ♘f6 28.♘ab6 ♘d7 29.e5



29...♗h6

29...♘c6 30.♘b4 ♘dxe5 31.fxe5 ♘xe5 32.♖xd8 ♖xd8 33.♕e2+-

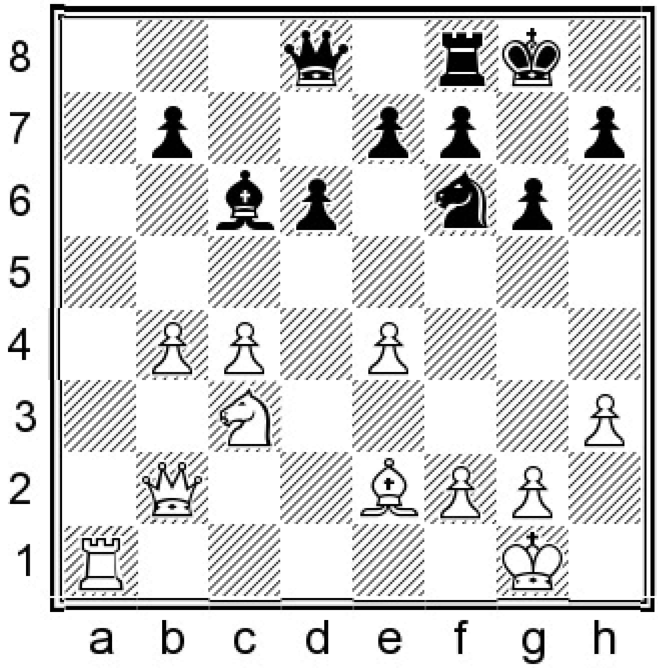
30.♕e1 ♗f5 31.♖dd1 ♘c6 32.♘c7! ♘cxe5 33.fxe5 ♘xe5 34.♗xh6 ♘xf3+ 35.gxf3+- ♕xh6 36.♘cd5 ♗e6 37.♕e5 ♕f8 38.♖e1 h5 39.♘f4 ♔h7 40.♘xe6 1-0

63. !N B38
Karthikeyan, Murali (2613) - Harsha, Bharathakoti (2547)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/63, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♗g7 5.c4 ♘c6 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♘c3 d6 8.♗e2 O-O 9.O-O ♗d7 10.h3 ♘xd4 11.♗xd4 ♗c6 12.♕c2

12.♗d3 - 5/378

12...a5 13.♖fd1 a4 14.b4 axb3 15.axb3 ♘d7 16.♖xa8 ♕xa8 17.♗xg7 ♔xg7 18.♕b2 ♔g8 19.♖a1 ♕d8 20.b4 ♘f6



21.e5!N

21.♗d3 ♕b6 22.♘d5 (22.b5 ♗d7 23.♘a4 ♕c7 24.e5 dxe5 25.c5 e4 26.♗c4 ♕f4∓) 22...♗xd5 23.exd5±

21...dxe5

21...♘e4 22.♘xe4 ♗xe4 23.♕d4 ♗f5 24.♖d1±; 21...♘e8 22.exd6 exd6 (22...♘xd6 23.♖d1±) 23.b5 ♗d7 24.♗f3±

22.b5 ♗d7

22...♗e8 23.♕b4 b6 24.♖d1 ♕c7 25.♕a3 ♔g7 26.♘a4 ♕a7 27.♖a1±

23.♕b4 b6 24.♖d1 ♖e8 25.♘a4± ♕b8 26.c5 bxc5 27.♘xc5 ♗c8

27...♗e6 28.♗f3±

28.b6 ♗b7 29.♗b5

29.♕a5 ♔g7 30.♗a6 ♗d5 31.b7 e6 32.♕b6+-

29...♖c8 30.♗a6 ♗xa6 31.♘xa6 ♕b7 32.♘c5 ♕c6

32...♘d5 33.♕a3 ♕xb6 34.♖xd5

33.b7+- ♖b8 34.♕a5 ♔g7 35.♕a7 ♕c7 36.♖b1 ♘d5 37.♘d7

37.♘a6 ♕c2 38.♕xb8 ♕xb1+ 39.♔h2 ♕e4 40.♕a7 ♘f4 41.f3 ♕e2 42.♕g1

37...♕c2 38.♕xb8 ♕xb1+ 39.♔h2 1-0

64. ** B40
Moussard, Jules (2668) - Demuth, Adrien (2492)
France 153/64, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.b3 ♘c6 4.♗b2 a6 5.c4 ♕c7 6.g3 ♘f6 7.e5

7.♗xf6 - 103/96

7...♘g4 8.♗g2!? ♘gxe5!?

8...♗e7 9.O-O O-O (9...♘gxe5? 10.♘xe5 ♘xe5 11.f4±) 10.♖e1±

9.♘xe5 ♘xe5 10.O-O ♘c6N

10...♘d3 - 153/(64) 11.♗c3 ♖b8 (11...d6?! 12.♕e2 ♘e5 13.d4 cxd4 14.♗xd4 ♗d7 15.♘d2⩱) 12.♕e2 ♕d6 Duque,A-Van Scheijndel,T corr 153/(64) 2021 (12...♕d6 13.♘a3 f6 14.f4 b5 15.♖f3 ♘xf4 16.♖xf4 b4 17.♕h5+ ♔d8 18.♗b2 bxa3 19.♗c3⩱)

11.♖e1 ♘d4?!

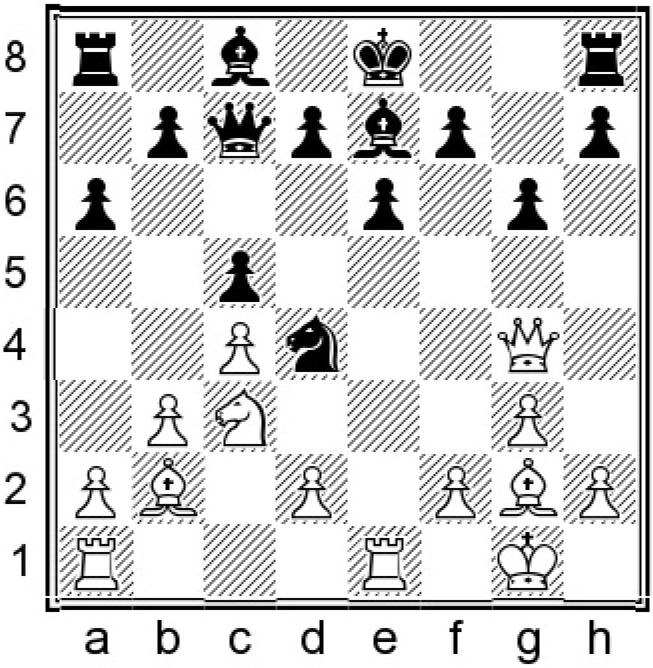
11...d6 12.d4! ♘xd4 13.♗xd4 cxd4 14.♕xd4 ♕c5 15.♕b2! e5 (15...♕g5 16.♘c3 ♗e7 17.h4 ♕f6 18.♖ad1 O-O 19.♕c1±) 16.♘c3 ♗e7 17.♘d5 ♗d8 18.♖ac1 a5 19.a3⩱

12.♘c3 ♗e7

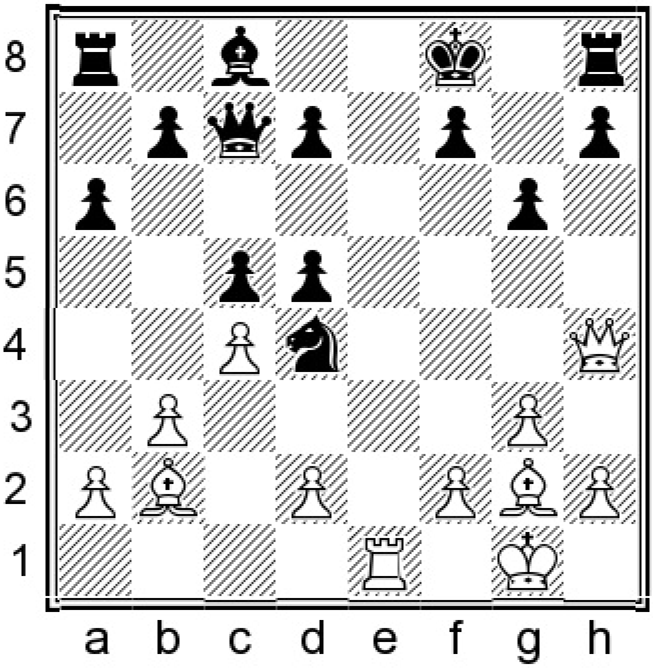
12...g6 13.♘d5 ♕d8 14.b4! d6 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.♖b1 ♗g7 17.♗a3±

13.♕g4 O-O - 153/64

13...g6N



14.♘d5! exd5 15.♖xe7+! ♔xe7 Moussard,J (2668)-Jaracz,P (2467) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 153/(64) 2022 (15...♔xe7 16.♖e1+! ♔f8 17.♕h4



17...♖g8 (17...h5 18.♕f6 ♖h7 19.♕e7+ ♔g7 (19...♔g8 20.♕e8+ ♔g7 21.♖e7+-) 20.♗xd5+-) 18.♕e7+ ♔g7 19.♗xd5 ♖f8 20.♖e4+-)

14.♘d5 ♕d8

14...exd5 15.♖xe7 dxc4 16.♖ae1 ♕d8 17.♗xd4 cxd4 18.♗d5 d6 19.♕h5 ♗e6 20.♖1xe6 fxe6 21.♗xe6+ ♔h8 22.♕g5+-

15.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 16.♗xd4 cxd4 17.♕xd4 d6 18.♖e3 ♕f6

18...♕c7 19.♖d3 ♖d8 20.♖e1 ♖b8 21.c5 d5 22.h4±

19.♖d3 ♖d8 20.♕xf6 gxf6 21.c5 d5 22.b4 ♗d7 23.♖a3 ♗b5 24.♖c1?!

24.♖a5! b6 25.cxb6 ♖ab8 26.♖c1 ♖xb6 27.a3±

24...e5 25.f4?

25.♖a5! ♗c6 26.a4 ♔g7 27.♗f1±

25...♖ac8

25...e4! 26.♖a5 ♗c6 27.a4 ♔g7 28.♗f1 d4⇄

26.♗f1 ♗xf1 27.♔xf1 d4 28.♖e1 ♖e8 29.♖e4 ♔g7 30.♔e2

30.g4!

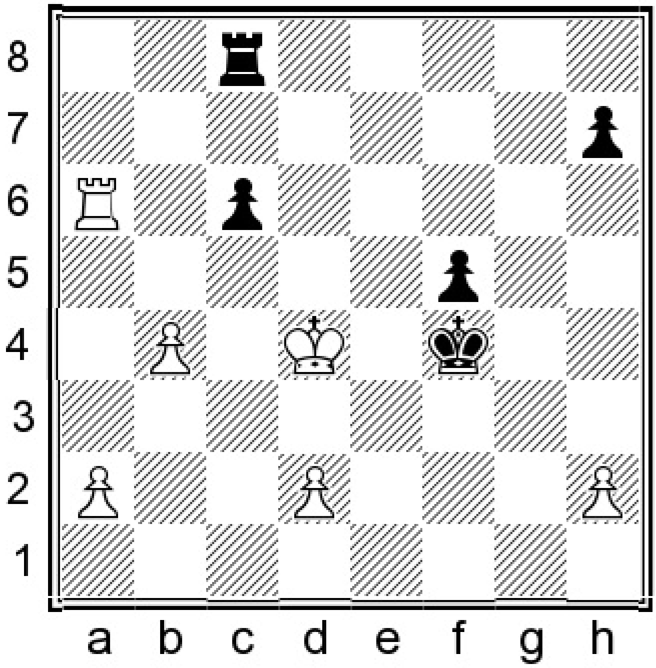
30...♔g6 31.g4 f5! 32.gxf5+ ♔xf5 33.♖xe5+

33.♔f3 f6∞

33...♔xf4 34.♖xe8 ♖xe8+ 35.♔d3 f5! 36.c6

36.♔xd4 ♖d8+ 37.♔c3 ♔e4 38.♔c2 f4⇄; 36.♖b3 ♔g4 37.♔xd4 f4⇄

36...bxc6 37.♖xa6 ♖c8 38.♔xd4



38...♔f3?

38...h5! 39.a4 (39.♖a5 h4 40.♖c5 ♖a8=) 39...♔g4 40.b5 cxb5 41.axb5 f4 42.b6 (42.♖f6 f3 43.b6 ♖d8+ 44.♔c3 ♖c8+ 45.♔b3 ♖d8 46.b7 ♖b8 47.♖f7 f2 48.♖xf2 ♖xb7+=) 42...♖c2! 43.b7 ♖b2 44.♖a7 h4! 45.♔e4 f3 46.♔e3 f2 47.♔xf2 ♖xd2+ 48.♔e3 ♖b2=

39.♔e5! f4 40.♖a3+ ♔e2

40...♔g4 41.h3+ ♔g5 42.♔e4 ♖e8+ 43.♔f3 ♖d8 44.d3 ♖d4 45.♖b3+-

41.♔xf4 ♔xd2 42.♖a5

42.♖h3+-

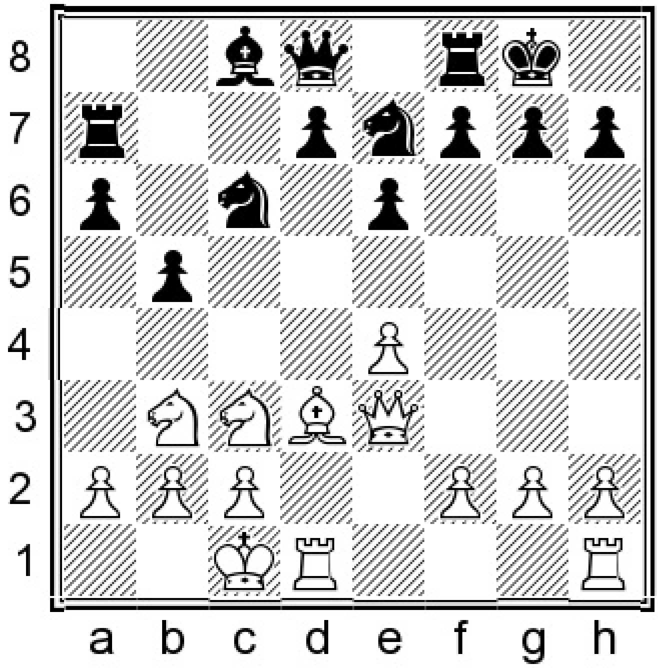
42...♔c3 43.a3 ♔b3 44.h4 ♖d8 45.h5 ♖d6 46.♔e5 ♖h6 47.♔d4 ♖d6+ 48.♔e5 ♖h6 49.♔f4 ♖e6 50.♔g5 ♖d6 51.♖a7 ♔b2 52.h6 ♖g6+ 53.♔h5 ♖g1 54.♖xh7 ♖h1+ 55.♔g6 ♖g1+ 56.♔f6 ♖f1+ 57.♔e6 ♖g1 58.a4 ♔b3 59.a5 ♔xb4 60.a6 ♖e1+ 61.♔d6 1-0

65. B42
Saric, Ivan (2680) - Carlsen, Magnus (2864)
Zagreb (rapid) 153/65, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♗d3 ♗c5 6.♘b3 ♗a7 7.♕e2 ♘e7

7...♘c6 - 150/41

8.♗e3 O-O 9.♗xa7 ♖xa7 10.♕e3 ♘bc6 11.♘c3 b5 12.O-O-O



12...♖c7N

12...e5

13.♔b1 ♘e5 14.f4 ♘xd3 15.♖xd3 ♗b7 16.♖hd1 ♕c8 17.g4

17.a3 f5 18.exf5 ♘xf5 19.♕e2±

17...d5 18.e5 b4 19.♘a4

19.♘e2! ♖xc2 (19...a5!? 20.♘xa5 ♗a6 21.♖3d2 ♗c4⩱) 20.♘bd4 ♖c4 21.h4 a5 22.h5 ♗a6 23.h6 g6 24.f5→

19...♖xc2

19...♗c6! 20.♘ac5 (20.♘b6 ♕b8 21.♘a5 ♗b5 22.♖3d2 ♕a7∓) 20...♗b5 21.♖3d2 a5 22.♘d3 ♗xd3! 23.♕xd3 (23.cxd3 d4! 24.♘xd4 (24.♕xd4 a4 25.♘c1 ♘d5 26.♘e2 a3∓) 24...♘d5 25.♕f3 a4∓) 23...♖c4∓

20.h4

20.♘d4 ♖c7∓

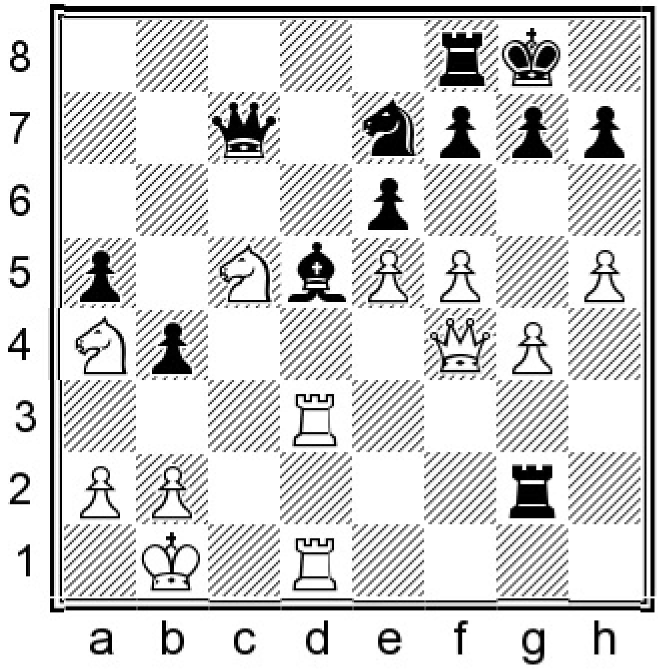
20...d4

20...a5∓

21.♕xd4 ♖g2 22.♘bc5

22.♖c1! ♕e8 23.♘bc5 ♗c6 (23...♗d5 24.♘b6 ♕b5 25.♘xd5 ♘xd5 26.f5⩱) 24.♘b6 ♘d5 25.♘xd5 ♗xd5 26.g5⩱

22...♗d5 23.f5 ♕c7 24.♕f4 a5 25.h5



25...h6

25...f6! 26.♕c1 (26.♖xd5 ♘xd5 27.♕e4 ♖xb2+! 28.♔xb2 ♘c3 29.♘xc3 bxc3+ 30.♔xc3 ♕xc5+ 31.♕c4 ♕xc4+ 32.♔xc4 exf5 33.gxf5 fxe5-+) 26...♖xg4 27.fxe6 ♕xe5∓

26.f6 gxf6 27.♕xh6 ♖xg4?!

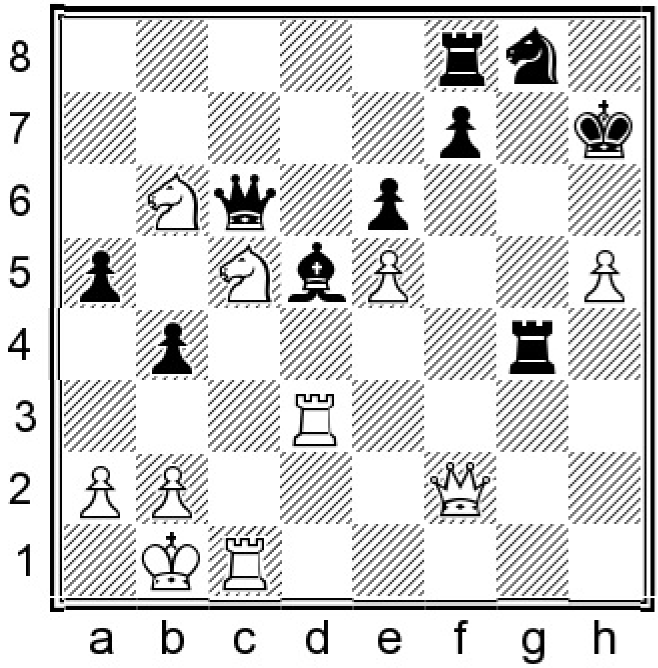
27...fxe5 28.♖c1 ♖xg4 29.♘xe6 (29.♘b6 ♘f5 30.♘xd5 exd5 31.♕f6 ♘d4∞) 29...♕xc1+ 30.♔xc1 ♗xe6∞

28.♕xf6

28.♘b6! ♘f5 (28...♕xb6 29.♘d7+-) 29.♘xd5 exd5 30.♕xf6 ♕xc5 31.♕xf5 ♕c8 32.♕f3±

28...♔h7! 29.♖c1 ♘g8 30.♕f2 ♕c6 31.♖g3?

31.♘b6!



31...♗e4! (31...♕xb6? 32.♖xd5! exd5 33.♕f5+ ♔h8 34.♕xg4±) 32.♘xe4 ♕xe4 33.♕f3 ♕xf3 34.♖xf3∞

31...♖xg3 32.♕xg3 ♘h6 33.♕d3+ ♘f5 34.♖g1 ♖g8 35.♖xg8 ♔xg8 36.♕d2 ♔h7

36...♗e4+! 37.♔a1 ♕b5 38.♕f2 ♗c6 39.b3 ♕b8 40.♕e1 ♕d8-+

37.b3 ♕c7 38.♕e2

38.♕f4! ♗c6 39.a3! ♗xa4 40.♘xa4 bxa3 41.♔a2 ♕c2+ 42.♔xa3∓

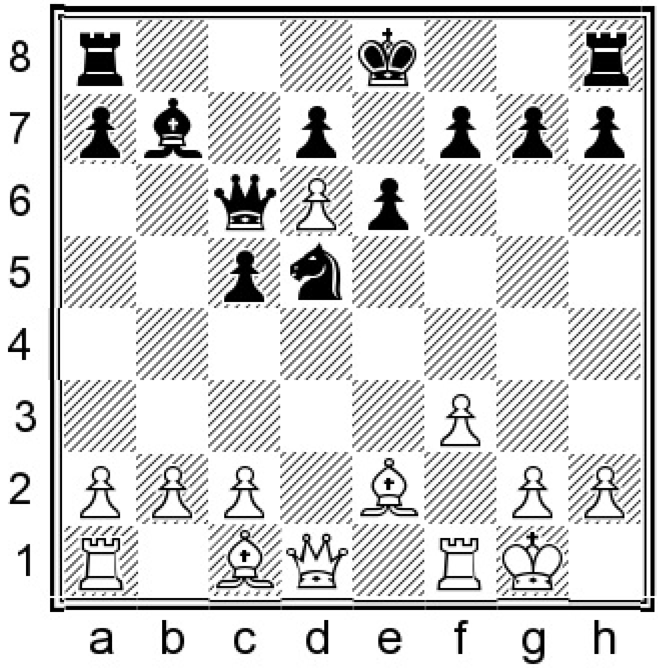
38...♕d8 39.♘b2 ♕g5 40.♘d7 ♘g3 41.♕f2

41.♕d3+ ♔g7-+

41...♗e4+ 0-1

66. * B45
Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2608) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2686)
Biel (open) 153/66, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘f6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♘d5 8.♘e4 ♗b7 9.♗e2 c5 10.O-O ♕c7 11.♘d6+ ♗xd6 12.exd6 ♕c6 13.f3



13...e5!?

13...c4 - 148/(43)

14.c4

14.f4!? ♘e3 15.♗f3 ♘xd1 16.♗xc6 ♗xc6 17.♖xd1 f6=

14...♘f4 15.♗xf4 exf4 16.♕d2 O-O 17.♕xf4

17.♗d3 ♖ae8 18.♖ae1 ♖e3 19.♖xe3 fxe3 20.♕xe3 ♕xd6 21.♖d1 g6∞

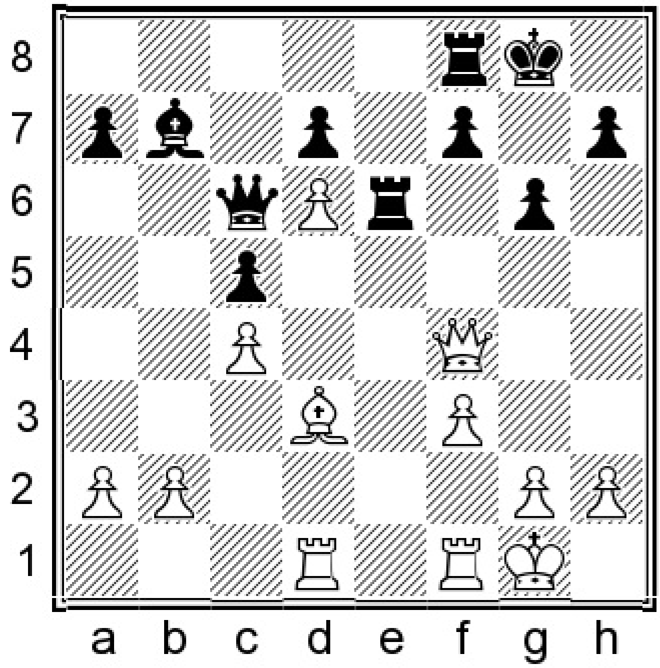
17...♖ae8 18.♗d3

18.♕d2 ♖e6 19.♖ad1 ♖fe8 20.♖f2 ♕b6 21.♗f1 a5=/∞

18...♖e6 19.♖ad1

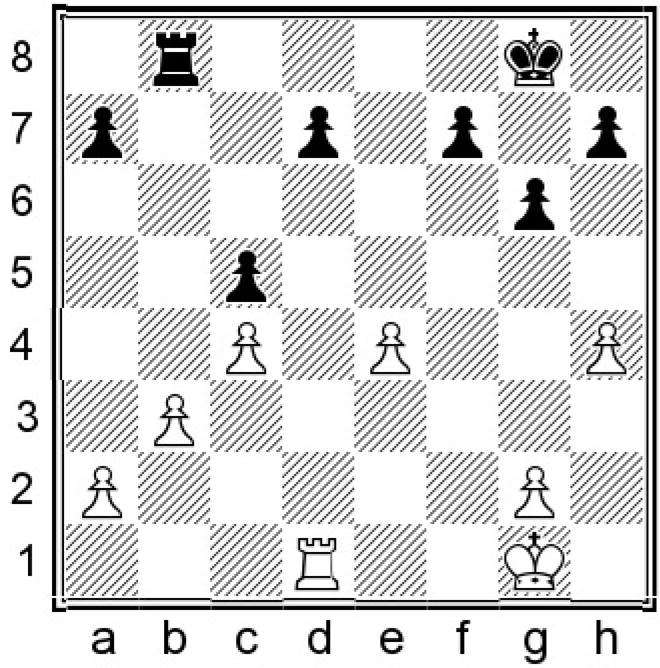
19.♗e4 ♕a6 20.♗xb7 ♕xb7 21.b3 ♕a6 22.♖fd1 ♖fe8=; 19.♗f5 ♕xd6 20.♕xd6 ♖xd6 21.♖ad1 ♖a6! (21...♖xd1?! 22.♖xd1 ♗c6 23.♖d6 ♖d8 24.♗e4 ♗xe4 25.fxe4±) 22.♗xd7 (22.♖xd7 ♗c8 23.♖d5 ♗xf5 24.♖xf5 ♖xa2=) 22...♖xa2=

19...g6



20.♗e4N

20.h4 - 153/(66) 20...♕xd6 21.♕xd6 ♖xd6 22.♗e4 ♖xd1 23.♖xd1 ♗xe4 24.fxe4 ♖b8= 25.b3



25...♖b7N 26.♖d5 ♖c7 27.♔f2 ♔f8 28.♔e3 ♔e7 29.g4 1/2 (29) Langer,R-Frendzas,P corr 153/(66) 2021

20.♖fe1 ♕xd6 21.♕xd6 ♖xd6=

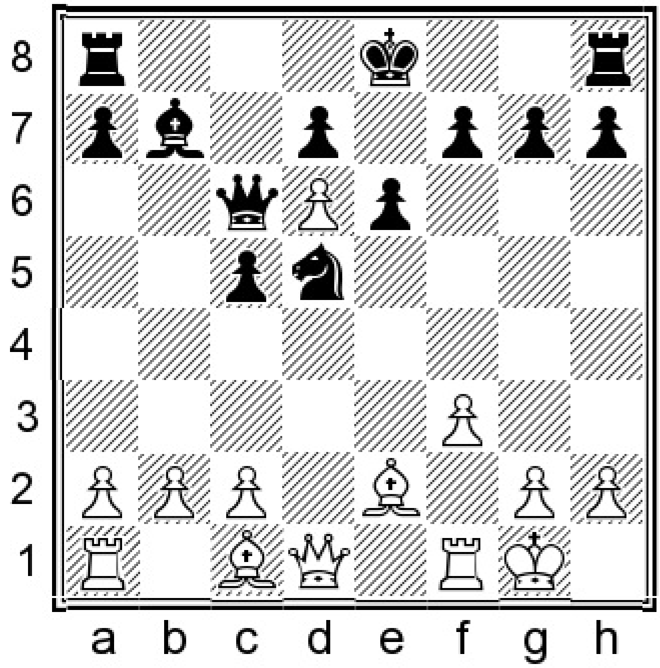
20...♕a6 21.♗xb7 ♕xb7 22.♖d2

22.b3 ♖fe8 23.♕g5 (23.h4 ♕b4! 24.h5 ♕c3⇄) 23...♕b6 24.f4 ♖xd6 25.f5 ♖e5=

22...♖fe8 23.h4 ♖e5 24.♖fd1 a5 1/2-1/2

67. * B45
Harsha, Bharathakoti (2557) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2644)
Abu Dhabi 153/67, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♘d5 8.♘e4 ♗b7 9.♗e2 c5 10.O-O ♕c7 11.♘d6+ ♗xd6 12.exd6 ♕c6 13.f3

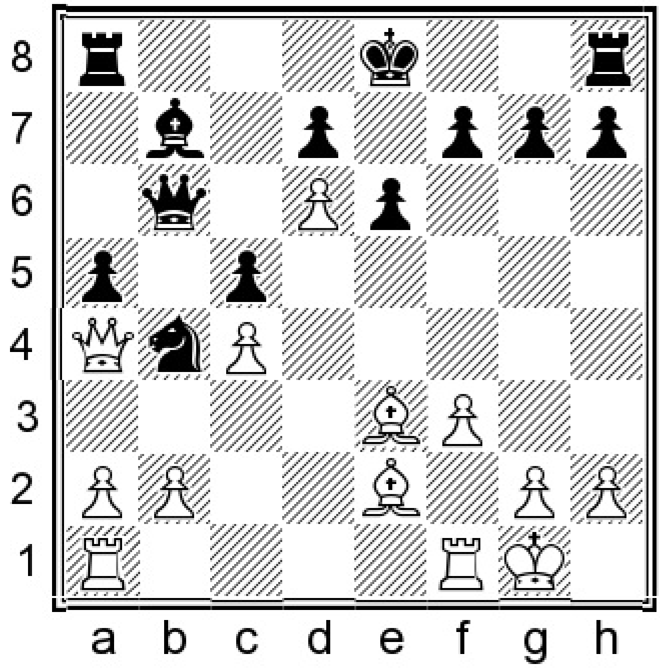


13...♕b6!?

13...c4 - 148/(43)

14.c4 ♘b4 15.♗e3 a5 16.♕d2

16.♕a4



16...♗c6?N (16...♕xd6 17.♕b5 ♗a6 18.♕xc5 (18.♕xa5 ♘c2 19.♖ad1 ♕c6 20.♕xc5 ♗xc4! 21.♗xc4 ♘xe3 22.♕xe3 ♕xc4=) 18...♕xc5 19.♗xc5 ♖c8 20.♗b6 a4∞) 17.♕b3 a4 18.♕c3 O-O 19.a3 ♘a6± Warakomski,T (2535) -Agdestein,S (2559) Krakow 153/ (67) 2022

16...O-O 17.a3N

17.b3

17...♘c6 18.♖ad1 ♖ab8 19.♖f2 ♗a8 20.♗f1 ♕a7 21.f4?!

21.♗d3 f5 22.♕e1 ♕b6 23.♗c2 e5∞

21...f5! 22.♖f3?!

22.♕e1 ♖b3 23.♖d3 ♖fb8 24.♖xb3 ♖xb3∓

22...♕b6

22...♘d4! 23.♖g3 (23.♖f2 ♘b3 24.♕c3 a4∓) 23...♕b6 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 ♕xb4 26.♗xd4 (26.♕xb4 ♖xb4 27.♗xd4 cxd4 28.♖xd4 ♖b2∓) 26...cxd4 27.♕xd4 g6 28.h4 ♔f7∓

23.♖f2

23.♕f2! ♕xb2 24.♗xc5 ♕xf2+ 25.♗xf2 ♔f7∞

23...a4! 24.♕e1 ♕a7

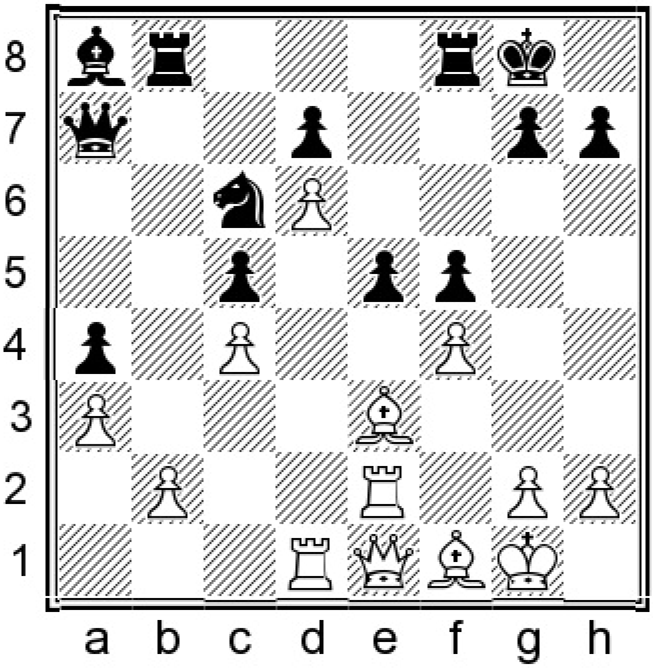
24...♖fc8 25.h4 h6∓

25.♖c2?!

25.♖d3; 25.♖e2

25...♘d4?!

25...e5! 26.♖e2



(26.fxe5 ♘xe5 27.♗d2 ♖be8 28.♗c3 ♗e4! (28...♘f3+ 29.gxf3 ♖xe1 30.♖xe1=∞) 29.♖e2 ♕b6∓) 26...♕b6! (26...♘d4 27.♗xd4 exd4 28.♖e7 ♗e4 29.♗d3 ♕b6 30.♖xe4! (30.♗xe4 fxe4 31.♕xe4 ♕xd6∓) 30...fxe4 31.♕xe4 g6 32.♕d5+ ♖f7 33.f5 gxf5 34.♗xf5=∞) 27.fxe5 ♘xe5⩱

26.♗xd4 cxd4 27.♕e5 ♖b3 28.♕xd4 ♕xd4+ 29.♖xd4 ♖fb8 30.c5 ♗c6 31.♗c4

31.g4!? ♖xb2 (31...fxg4 32.f5 exf5 33.♗c4+ ♔f8 34.♗xb3 ♖xb3 35.♖f2 g6 36.♖xg4⩲) 32.♖xb2 ♖xb2 33.gxf5 exf5 34.♗c4+ ♔f8 35.♗d5 ♗xd5 36.♖xd5 ♔e8! 37.♖e5+ ♔d8 38.♖xf5 ♔c8 39.♖f8+ (39.♖f7 g6 40.♖xh7 ♖a2 41.♖g7 ♖xa3 42.♖xg6 ♖f3=) 39...♔b7 40.♖d8 ♔c6 41.♖c8+ ♔d5 42.♖c7 ♖a2=

31...♖xb2 32.♖xb2 ♖xb2 33.♗xe6+ dxe6 34.d7 ♗xd7 35.♖xd7 ♖c2 36.♖a7

36.♖c7 h6=

36...♖xc5 37.♖xa4 ♔f7 38.♔f2 ♖c2+ 39.♔f3 h6 40.h4 ♖c3+ 41.♔f2 ♖c2+ 42.♔f3 ♖c3+ 43.♔f2 1/2-1/2

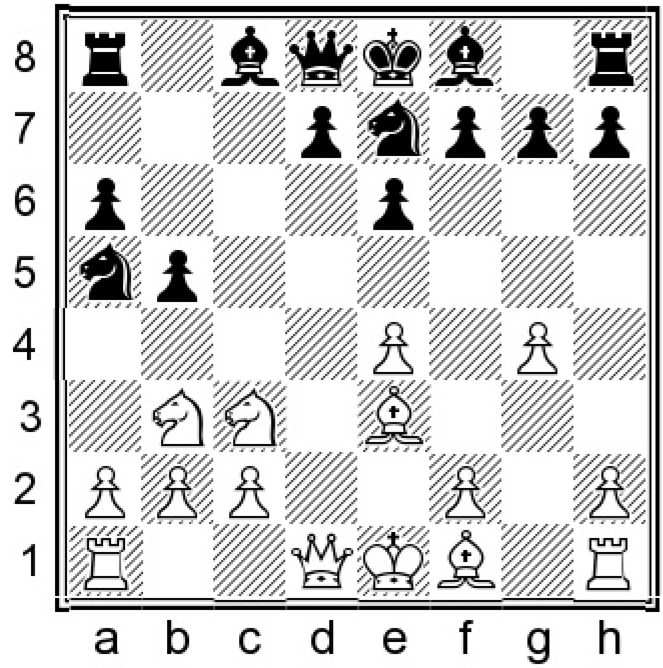
68. B46
Caruana, Fabiano (2783) - Rapport, Richard (2764)
Madrid (ct) 153/68, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g4

6.♘xc6 - 153/72

6.♗e3 - 152/55

6...♘ge7 7.♗e3 b5 8.♘b3 ♘a5



9.♕d2!?N

9.g5

9...♘xb3 10.axb3 ♗b7 11.♗g2 ♘g6 12.♖f1

12.O-O-O ♘h4 13.♗g5 ♗e7 14.♗xh4 ♗xh4 15.f4 O-O 16.e5 ♗xg2 17.♕xg2 f6∞

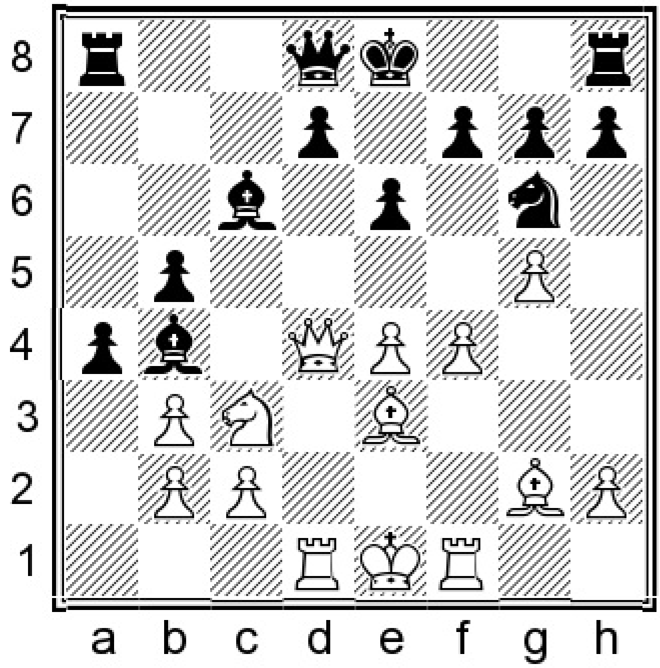
12...♗c6 13.g5?!

13.f4 ♕h4+ 14.♖f2 a5

13...a5! 14.f4 a4 15.♖d1

15.f5 ♘e5 16.♗f4 ♕b8 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.♕d4 ♗d6 19.♗g3 axb3 20.♖xa8 ♗xa8 21.cxb3 ♗c6∓; 15.e5 axb3 16.♖xa8 ♗xa8 17.♗xa8 ♕xa8 18.♘xb5 ♕c6∓

15...♗b4 16.♕d4



16...♕a5

16...♗xc3+! 17.♕xc3 O-O 18.b4 ♖e8! 19.♖d6 (19.♔f2?! e5! 20.f5 ♘f4∓; 19.♕d3 f5! 20.gxf6 ♕xf6 21.♗d4 e5 22.fxe5 ♕e7∓) 19...e5 20.f5 ♘f4 21.♗xf4 exf4 22.♖xf4 ♕xg5 23.♕g3 ♕xg3+ 24.hxg3 a3! 25.bxa3 ♖xa3∓

17.♕xg7 a3

17...O-O-O!?

18.♔f2

18.♖a1 ♗f8 19.♕d4 b4 20.♘e2 e5 21.fxe5 ♗g7 22.♕d2 ♗xe5 23.♗d4 O-O∞

18...axb2 19.♘e2 e5! 20.f5

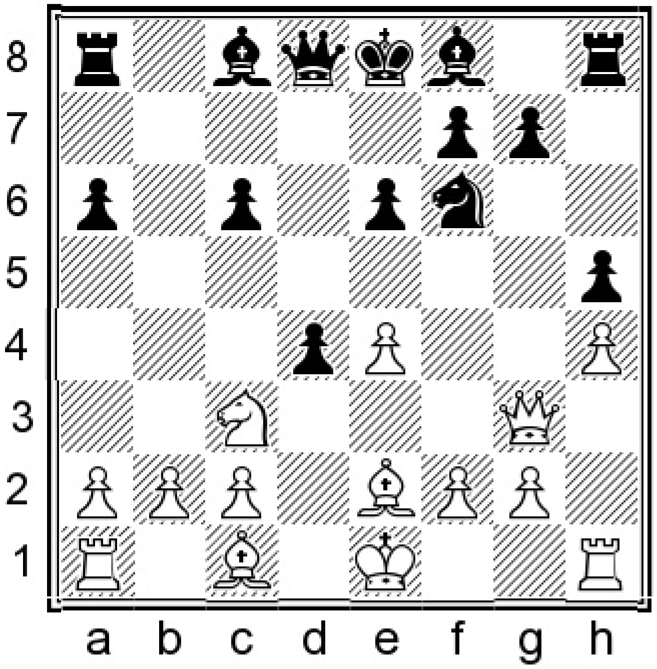
20.fxe5 ♗f8 21.♕f6 ♗e7 22.♕g7 ♗f8=

20...♗f8 21.♕f6 ♗e7 22.♕g7 ♗f8 23.♕f6 ♗e7 24.♕g7 1/2-1/2

69. ** B46
Radjabov, Teimour (2753) - Rapport, Richard (2764)
Madrid (ct) 153/69, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.♕d3 d5 8.♕g3 h5 9.h4 d4 - 153/69

9...♘f6?!N 10.♗e2 d4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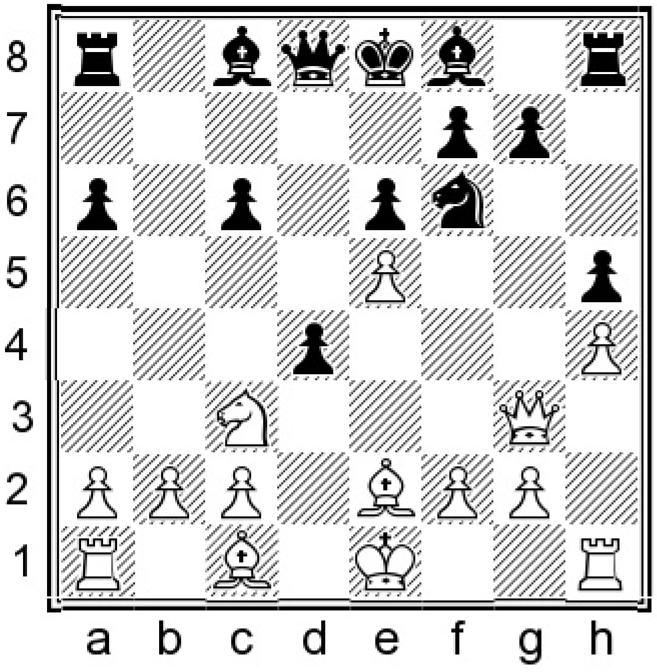
a b c d e f g h

11.e5!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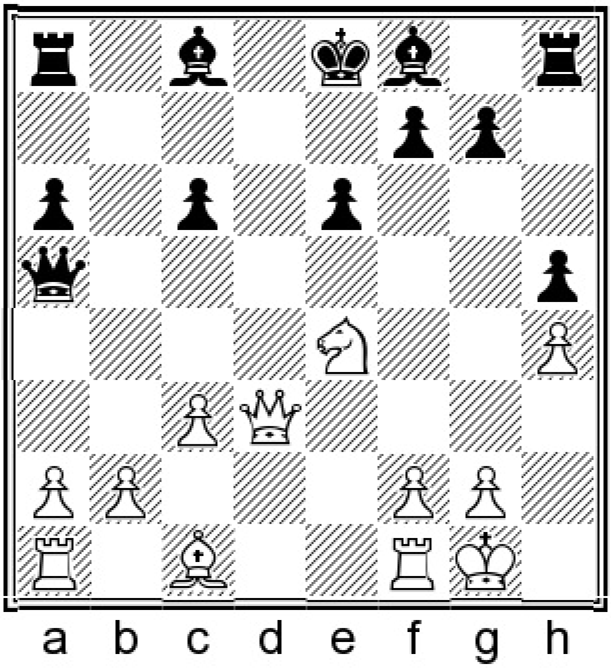
11...♘g4 - 153/(69) (11...dxc3?N 12.exf6 (12.♕xc3?? ♘d5-+) 12...♕xf6 13.bxc3+- Alekseenko,K (2707)-Suleymanli,A (2547) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 153/ (69) 2022) 12.♘e4 ♕a5+ (12...♕d5) 13.c3 ♘xe5 (13...dxc3 14.♘xc3 ♕xe5 15.♗f4±) 14.O-O d3 15.♗xd3 ♘xd3 16.♕xd3

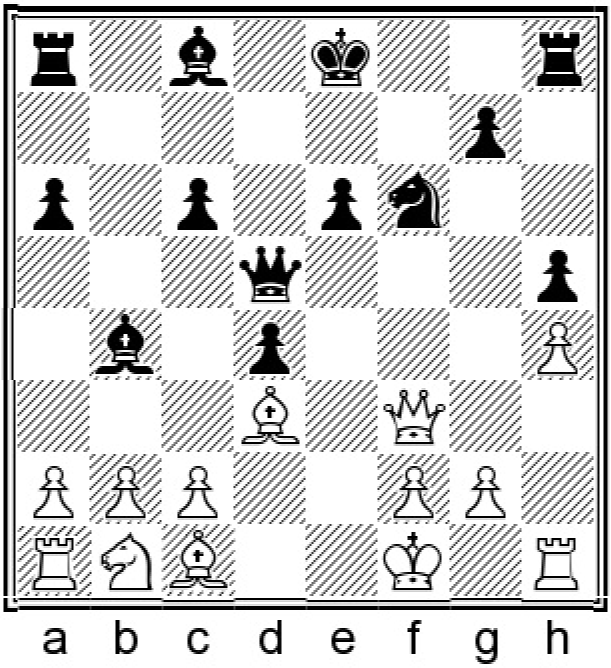


16...♕d5?! (16...e5±) 17.♕f3+- Giri,A (2773) -Movsesian,S (2599) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(69) 2022

10.♘b1 ♘f6 11.e5 ♘e4

11...♘g4 - 149/48

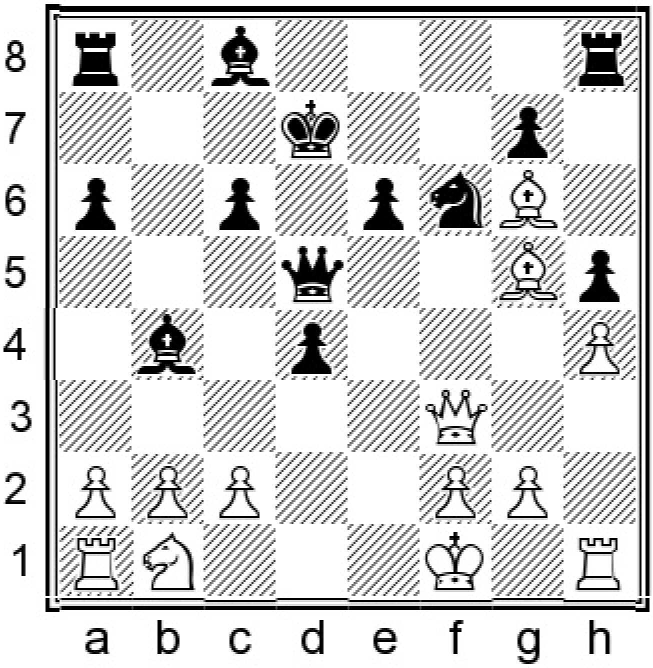
12.♕f3 ♕d5 13.♗d3 ♗b4+ 14.♔f1 f5 15.exf6 ♘xf6



16.♗g6+N

16.c3 ♕xf3 17.gxf3 dxc3 18.♗g6+ ♔d7 19.♘xc3 ♘d5 20.♗d2 a5 21.♔g2 ♗a6∞

16...♔d7 17.♗g5?!



17.c3

17...♖f8! 18.c3 ♗d6

⌓18...♗c5 19.cxd4 ♕xd4 20.♗e3 (20.♘c3 ♘d5 21.♗f7 ♕xf2+ 22.♕xf2 ♗xf2 23.♔xf2 ♖xf7+∓) 20...♕xb2 21.♕d1+ ♘d5 22.♗xc5 ♕b5+ 23.♔g1 ♕xc5↑

19.cxd4 ♕xd4 20.♕c3 ♕d1+

⌓20...♗c5 21.♕xd4+ ♗xd4 22.♘c3 ♘d5 23.♘d1 a5↑

21.♕e1 ♕xe1+ 22.♔xe1 ♖b8 23.♘d2 ♖xb2 24.♘c4 ♗b4+ 25.♔f1 ♘g4 26.f3!?

26.♘xb2 ♖xf2+ 27.♔g1 ♖xb2 28.♖c1 c5 (28...♔d6 29.♖d1+ ♔c7 30.♖c1 ♔d6=) 29.♖c2 ♖b1+ 30.♖c1 ♖b2=

26...♖f2+ 27.♔g1 ♗c5 28.fxg4 ♖2f4+ 29.♘e3

29.♔h2 ♖xc4 30.♖ad1+ ♗d6+ 31.♖xd6+ ♔xd6 32.♖d1+ ♔e5 33.♗e7 ♖ff4 34.♗d6+ ♔f6 35.♗xf4 ♔xg6 36.gxh5+ ♔xh5 37.♔g3=

29...♗xe3+ 30.♔h2 ♖xg4 31.♗xe3

31.♗xh5 ♖xg5! 32.hxg5 c5∓

31...♖xg6 32.♖hd1+ ♔c7 33.♖ab1 ♗b7 34.♗c5 ♖e8 35.♗d6+?!

35.♖d2 e5 36.g3=

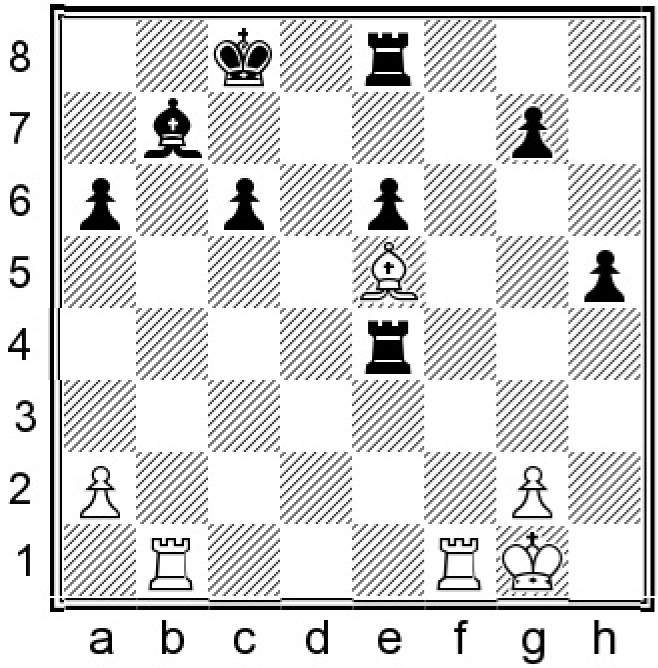
35...♔c8 36.♗e5 ♖g4?

36...♖f8! 37.♖d2 ♖g4 38.♗g3 g5 39.hxg5 ♖xg5∓

37.♖f1 ♖xh4+?

37...c5□ 38.♖f7 (38.g3 ♖e4=) 38...♖xg2+ 39.♔h3 ♖e2 40.♗d6 ♖e3+ 41.♔h2 ♖d3 42.♖b6 ♖xd6 43.♖xd6±

38.♔g1 ♖e4



39.♖f7??

39.♗h2! ♖d8 (39...e5 40.♖f7 ♗a8 41.♖a7+-; 39...c5 40.♖f7 ♖b4 41.♖xb4 cxb4 42.♖c7++-) 40.♖f7 ♖d2 41.♖c7+ ♔d8 42.♖xg7+-

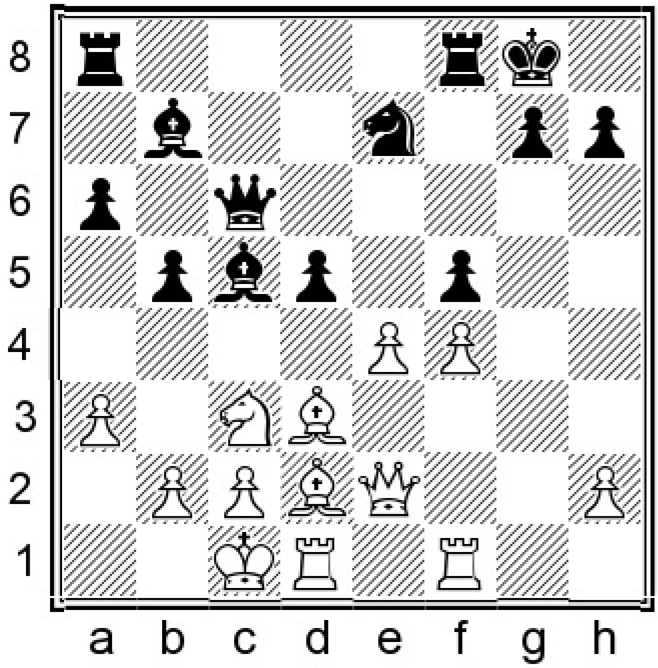
39...♖xe5 40.♖bxb7 ♖b5 1/2-1/2

70. B47
Baklan, Vladimir (2589) - Nagy, Gabor (2500)
Aarhus 153/70, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.f4 a6 7.♘xc6 ♕xc6 8.♗d3 b5 9.♕e2 ♗b7 10.♗d2 ♗c5 11.O-O-O ♘e7 12.a3 O-O 13.♖hf1

13.h4 - 144/ 43

13...f5 14.g4 d5 15.gxf5 exf5



16.exd5N

16.e5 d4 17.♘a2 ♘d5 (17...♔h8!?∞) 18.♘b4 ♗xb4 19.♗xb4 ♖f7∞; 16.exf5 ♘xf5 17.♕g4 ♕g6 18.♕h3 ♖ad8∞

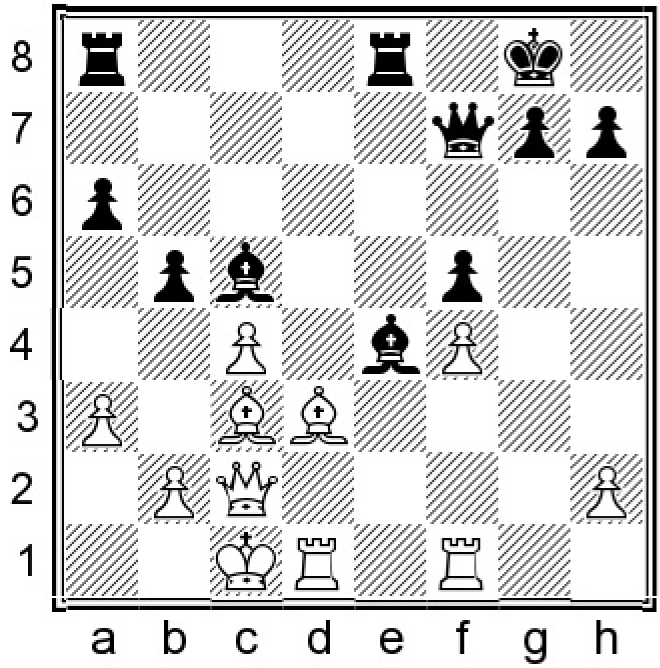
16...♘xd5 17.♘xd5 ♕xd5 18.c4

18.♗c3 ♖ae8 19.♗xb5 (19.♗e5 ♕a2 20.c3 ♗d5∞) 19...axb5 20.♖xd5 ♖xe2 21.♖xc5 ♗e4 22.♗e5 ♖d8 23.♖g1 g6=; 18.♖fe1 ♕f7 19.♗c3 ♖fe8 20.♗e5 ♖ad8 21.♔b1 ♗d5∞

18...♕f7 19.♗c3 ♖fe8 20.♕c2

20.♗e5 ♖ac8 21.♔b1 ♗d4 22.♖c1 ♔h8! 23.♖fe1 (23.cxb5 ♖xc1+ 24.♖xc1 axb5∞ 25.♗xb5?! ♕b3 26.♗d3 ♗d5) 23...h6∞

20...♗e4!



21.♗e5?!

21.♗xe4 ♖xe4 22.♖d5 ♖xc4 23.♖fd1 ♗f8 24.♖xf5 ♕e6∞; 21.h4!?

21...♖ac8

21...♗xd3 22.♕xd3 ♕xc4+ 23.♕xc4+ bxc4 24.♖d7 ♖a7 25.♖d5 ♗f8∓

22.♗xe4 fxe4 23.♕xe4

23.♔b1 bxc4 24.♕xe4 c3!∓

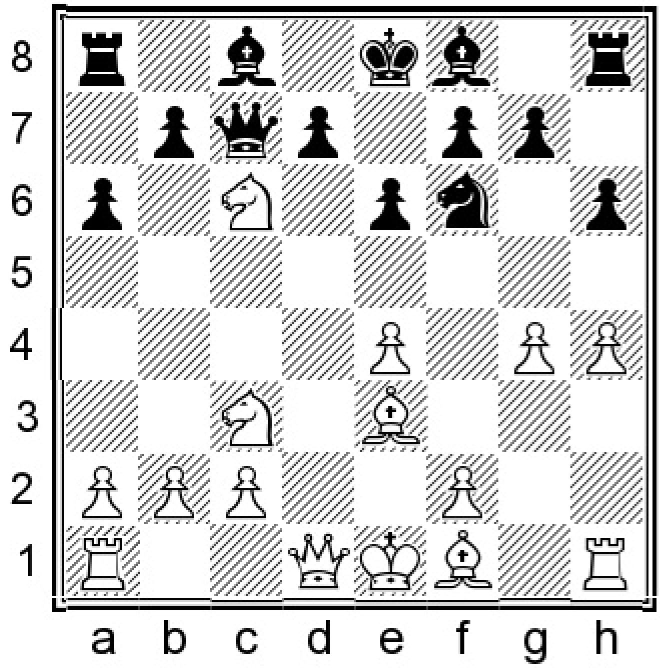
23...♗xa3! 24.♕d5! ♖xc4+ 25.♔b1 ♗f8 26.♖g1 ♖e7 27.h4 ♕xd5 28.♖xd5 ♖c6 29.h5 ♖ce6 1/2-1/2

71. B48
Urazayev, Arystanbek (2430) - Perunovic, Milos (2539)
Novi Sad 153/71, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♕c7 5.♘c3 e6 6.♗e3 a6 7.g4 h6!?

7...♘xd4 - 151/59

8.h4 ♘f6 9.♘xc6



9...♕xc6N

9...bxc6

10.♕f3

10.♗g2 ♗a3 11.♗c1 (11.bxa3 ♕xc3+ 12.♗d2 ♕c4∞) 11...d6 12.g5 hxg5 13.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 14.♗xh1 ♘d7∞

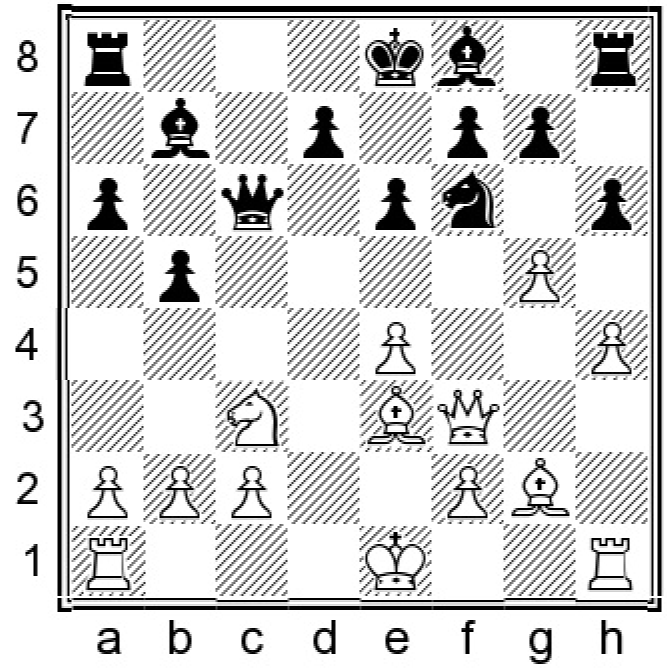
10...b5

10...♗b4 11.O-O-O! ♗xc3 12.bxc3 ♕xe4 (12...♕xc3 13.g5 ♕a3+ 14.♔d2 ♕b4+ 15.♔d3! ♘g8 (15...hxg5 16.hxg5 ♖xh1 17.♕xh1 ♘g4 18.♕h8+ ♕f8 19.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 20.♗b6±) 16.gxh6 ♘xh6 17.♕g3 ♖h7 18.♕c7±) 13.♕g3! ♕xh1 (13...♕xg4? 14.♕d6 ♘e4 15.♕c7 d5 16.♖g1! ♕f5 17.f3 ♕xf3 18.♗d4+-) 14.f3 d6 15.♗d3 ♕xd1+ 16.♔xd1 e5 17.♔c1 ♗e6 18.f4±; 10...♗a3! 11.♗c1 (11.♗d4 ♗xb2 12.♖b1 ♗xc3+ 13.♗xc3 ♘xe4 14.♗xg7 ♖g8 15.♗xh6 b5∓) 11...♗b4 12.♗d2 d5 13.exd5 exd5 14.♖g1 ♘e4∞

11.♗g2

11.g5 hxg5 12.hxg5 ♖xh1 13.♕xh1 ♘g4 14.♗f4 ♕c5 (14...b4 15.♘d1 d6∞) 15.♕g2 ♘e5∞

11...♗b7 12.g5



12...b4?

12...♘g8! 13.O-O-O (13.a3 hxg5 14.♗xg5 (14.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 15.♗xh1 ♘e7 16.O-O-O ♘g6∓) 14...♖c8 15.♖h3 a5 16.♕d3 b4 17.axb4 ♗xb4↑) 13...♖c8 14.g6 f5∞

13.gxf6 bxc3 14.fxg7 ♗xg7 15.b3 ♕d6?

15...♗e5 16.O-O-O a5 17.a4 ♖g8 18.♕h5 ♕c7 19.♗f3 ♗c6±

16.♖d1?

16.♕g4! ♕f8 (16...♗f8 17.e5 ♕c7 18.♗xb7 ♕xb7 19.O-O-O+-) 17.e5 ♗xg2 18.♕xg2 ♖b8 19.f4+-

16...♕c7 17.♖h3?

17.♖g1 ♗e5 18.♗f1 O-O-O (18...♔e7 19.♗d3±) 19.♕xf7 ♖hf8 20.♕h5 ♗f4 21.♕c5 ♕xc5 22.♗xc5 ♗d2+ 23.♔e2 ♗xe4 24.♗xf8 ♖xf8 25.♖xd2 cxd2 26.♔xd2±

17...♗e5! 18.♗d4 ♖g8 19.♔f1 ♖c8 20.♗xe5 ♕xe5 21.♖d3

21.♖g3 ♖xg3 22.♕xg3 ♕xg3 23.fxg3 ♖c5 24.♖d3 ♔e7 25.♔f2 f5=

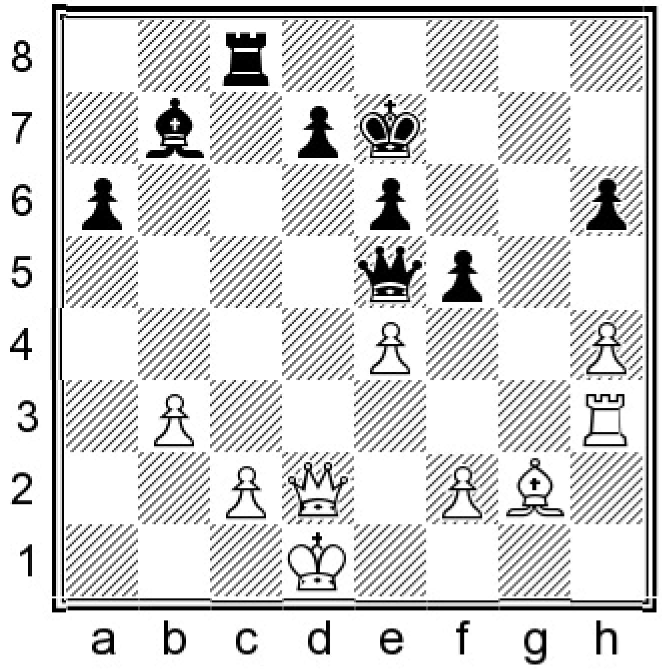
21...♔e7 22.♖xc3?

22.♖g3 ♗c6 23.♔g1 ♗b5 24.♖e3 a5↑

22...f5 23.♖xc8

23.♕e3 f4! 24.♖xc8 (24.♕d2 ♕g7 25.♗h1 a5 26.♖xc8 ♕a1+ 27.♔e2 ♖g1! 28.♗g2 ♗xc8-+) 24...fxe3 25.♖xg8 ♕a1+ 26.♔e2 exf2 27.♔xf2 ♕b2 28.♖e3 ♕xc2+ 29.♖e2 ♕c5+ 30.♔g3 ♗c6∓

23...♕a1+ 24.♔e2 ♖xc8 25.♕d3 ♕xa2 26.♔d2 ♕a5+ 27.♔d1 ♕e5 28.♕d2



28...♗xe4?

28...fxe4! 29.♕b4+ (29.♕xh6 ♕d4+ 30.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 31.♔xd2 e3+-+; 29.♖g3 ♖c5-+) 29...♖c5 30.♕xb7 (30.c4 ♗c6-+) 30...♖d5+ 31.♔e2 ♕d4-+

29.♗xe4 ♕xe4

29...fxe4 30.♕xh6 ♖c5 31.c4 ♖a5 32.♕g5+ ♕xg5 33.hxg5 ♖xg5 34.♔e2∓

30.♖d3 ♕h1+ 31.♔e2 ♕xh4?

31...d5 32.♕b4+ (32.c4 dxc4 33.♕b4+ ♔e8 34.bxc4 ♕c6 35.♖d4 ♔f7∓) 32...♔d7 33.♕a4+ ♖c6 34.♖e3 ♕g2 35.c3 (35.♖xe6?? ♕g4+-+) 35...h5 36.♕d4 ♕g4+∓

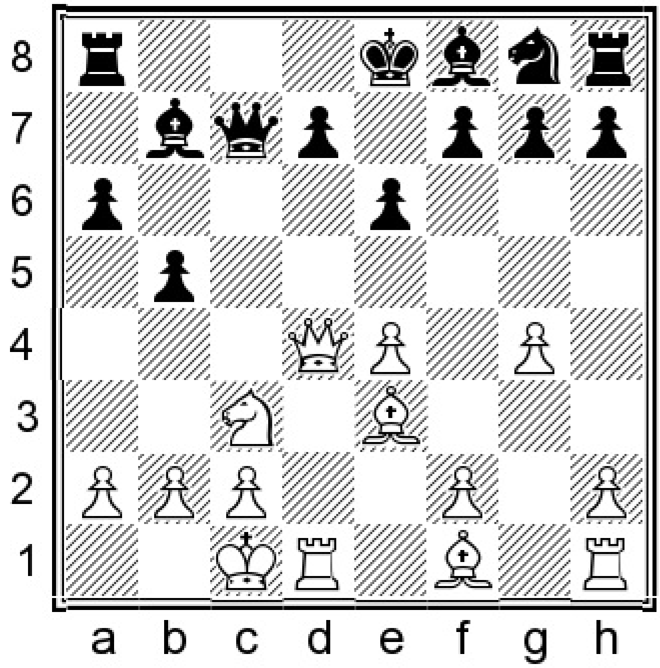
32.♖xd7+ ♔f6 33.♕d6??

33.c4! ♕e4+ (33...♖g8 34.♕d6 ♕e4+ 35.♔d2 ♖g2 36.♕f8+ ♔g5 37.♖g7+ ♔h5 38.♕f7+ ♔h4 39.♕f6+ ♔h5 40.♕f7+=) 34.♔f1=

33...♕e4+ 34.♔d1 ♕xc2+ 35.♔e1 ♕e4+ 36.♔d1 ♕b1+ 0-1

72. B48
Gharamian, Tigran (2602) - David, Alberto (2520)
France 153/72, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.g4 a6 7.♗e3 ♘xd4 8.♕xd4 b5 9.O-O-O ♗b7

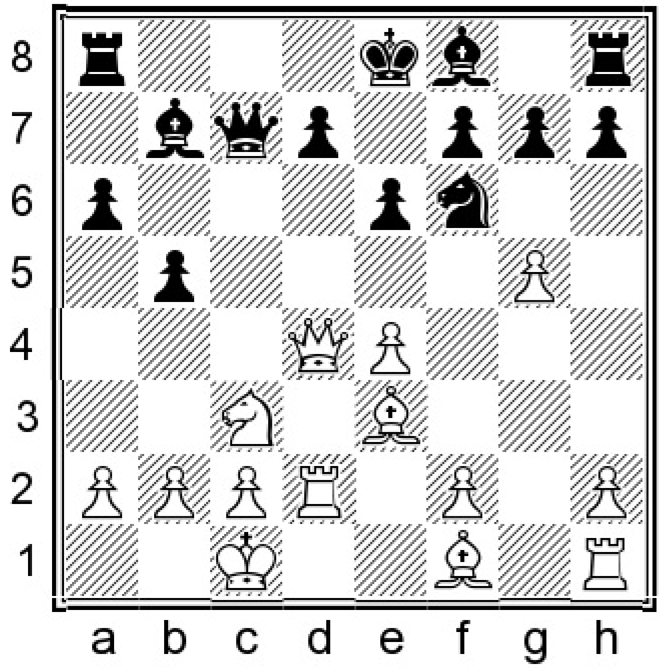


10.♖d2N

10.f3 - 151/58

10.♔b1 - 151/59

10...♘f6 11.g5



11.f3 h6 12.h4 ♖c8 13.♖g1 d5∞

11...b4!

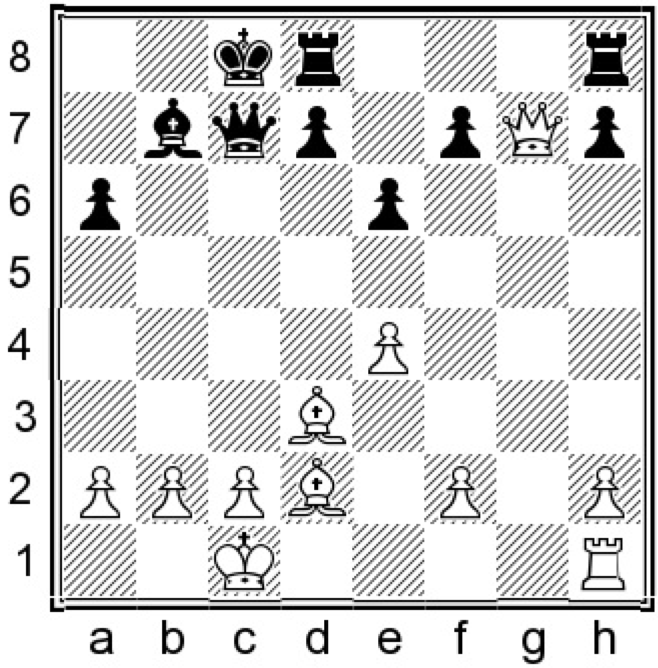
11...♘g4 12.♗f4! d6 (12...e5? 13.♘d5 ♕d6 14.♕c3 ♖c8 15.♕f3 exf4 16.♕xg4+-) 13.♗g3 ♘e5

14.♗e2±

12.gxf6

12.♗f4?! ♕c5! 13.gxf6 ♕xd4 14.♖xd4 bxc3 15.fxg7 cxb2+ 16.♔b1 ♗xg7∓; 12.♘b5!? axb5 13.gxf6 e5 14.♕d3 ♖xa2 15.♔b1 ♖a8 16.♗b6 (16.♗h3 d5 17.♕xb5+ ♗c6 18.♗b6 ♕b7 19.♖xd5! gxf6∞) 16...♕c6 17.♗h3 (17.fxg7 ♗xg7 18.♕xb5 O-O∞) 17...d5!? (17...d6∞) 18.♕xd5 ♕xd5 19.exd5 gxf6∞

12...bxc3 13.fxg7 cxd2+ 14.♗xd2 ♗xg7 15.♕xg7 O-O-O 16.♗d3



16.♕d4 f5 17.f3 fxe4 18.fxe4 ♖hg8 19.♗d3 ♖df8∞

16...f5! 17.f3 ♖hg8 18.♕xh7 ♖h8

18...♕c5 19.♔b1 fxe4 20.fxe4 ♖h8 21.♕g7 ♖dg8 22.♕f6 ♖g1+ 23.♖xg1 ♕xg1+ 24.♗c1 ♖xh2 25.♕f8+ ♔c7 26.♕f4+ ♔c8=

19.♕e7 ♖de8 20.♕b4 ♖xh2 21.♖e1

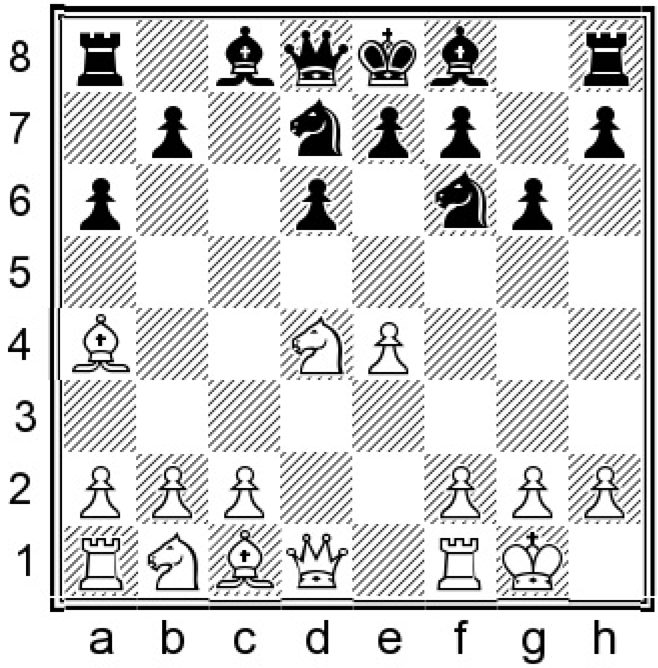
21.♖xh2 ♕xh2 22.b3 fxe4 23.fxe4 ♕c7∞

21...fxe4 1/2-1/2

B50-B74

73. B51
Erdos, Viktor (2586) - Korobov, Anton (2692)
Chennai (ol) 153/73, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘f6 6.O-O a6 7.♗a4 g6



7...e6 - 149/50

7...♘xe4 8.♖e1 ♘c5 9.c4 e6 (9...♘xa4 10.♕xa4 e5 11.♘c3 ♗e7 12.♘d5 O-O 13.♘f5±) 10.♘c3 ♗e7 (10...♘xa4? 11.♕xa4 ♗e7 12.♘d5! exd5 13.♘f5 O-O 14.♘xe7+ ♔h8 15.♘xd5±) 11.♗xd7+ (11.♗c2⩱) 11...♘xd7 12.♖xe6! ♘e5 13.♖xe7+ ♕xe7 14.♘d5 ♕d8 15.f4 ♘c6 16.♕e2+ ♔f8 17.♗e3⩱

8.♖e1N

8.c4

8...b5 9.♗b3 ♗b7 10.c4

10.a4 bxa4 (10...b4 11.c3 bxc3 12.♘xc3 ♗g7 13.♗e3 O-O 14.f3±) 11.♗xa4 ♗g7 12.e5 dxe5 13.♘c6 ♗xc6 14.♗xc6 ♖b8 15.♖xa6 O-O±

10...b4

⌓10...bxc4 11.♗xc4 ♘e5 12.♗b3 ♗g7 13.♘c3 O-O 14.h3 ♘fd7∞

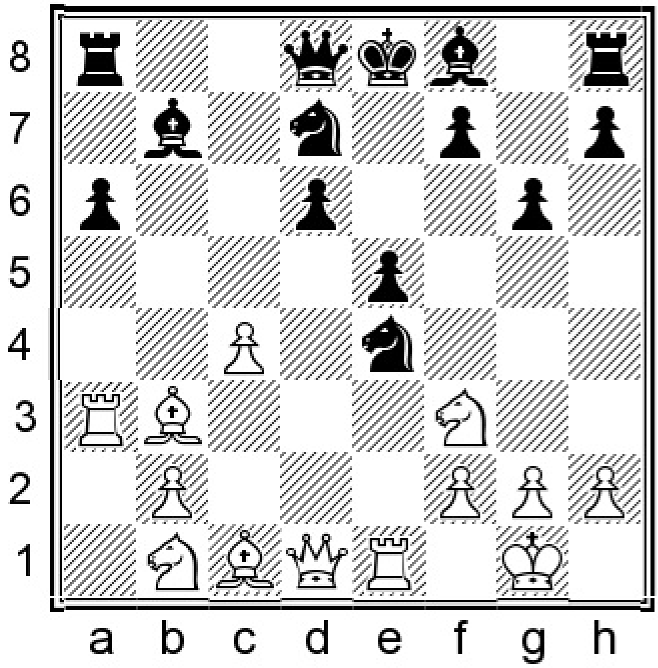
11.a3 bxa3 12.♖xa3 e5?

12...♗g7 13.♘c3 O-O 14.f3 ♖c8 15.♗e3 ♘e5 16.♕e2∞

13.♘f3

13.♗a4! exd4 14.e5 ♘e4 (14...dxe5 15.♖xe5+ ♗e7 16.♗h6 ♕c7 17.♕xd4+-) 15.c5! dxe5 16.c6 ♗xa3 17.♘xa3 ♗xc6 18.♗xc6 ♘c5 (18...f5 19.♕b3±) 19.♖xe5+ ♘e6 20.♖xe6+! fxe6 21.♕xd4 O-O 22.♗xa8±

13...♘xe4



14.c5!?

14.♗a4! ♖c8 (14...♘c5 15.♘xe5! dxe5 16.♖xe5+ ♗e7 17.♖ae3 O-O (17...♘e6 18.♖d3 ♗c8 19.♗h6+-) 18.♖xe7+-) 15.♖ae3 f5 (15...♖xc4 16.♘c3 ♘xc3 17.♖xc3 ♖xc3 18.bxc3 ♗e7 19.♗h6+-) 16.b4 ♗g7 17.c5 O-O 18.♖d3±

14...♘dxc5 15.♗a4+ ♔e7

15...♘xa4 16.♕xa4+ ♕d7 17.♖xe4 ♗xe4 18.♕xe4+-

16.♗c2 f5??

16...♘f6 17.♗d2 a5 18.♘xe5!? dxe5 19.♖xe5+ ♘e6 20.♖exa5 ♖xa5 21.♖xa5 ♘d7 22.♗a4 ♗g7 23.♗b4+ ♘dc5 24.♗xc5+ ♘xc5 25.♖xc5 ♕xd1+ 26.♗xd1=

17.♗xe4 ♘xe4 18.♖xe4 ♕c7

18...fxe4 19.♗g5++-

19.♖c3 1-0

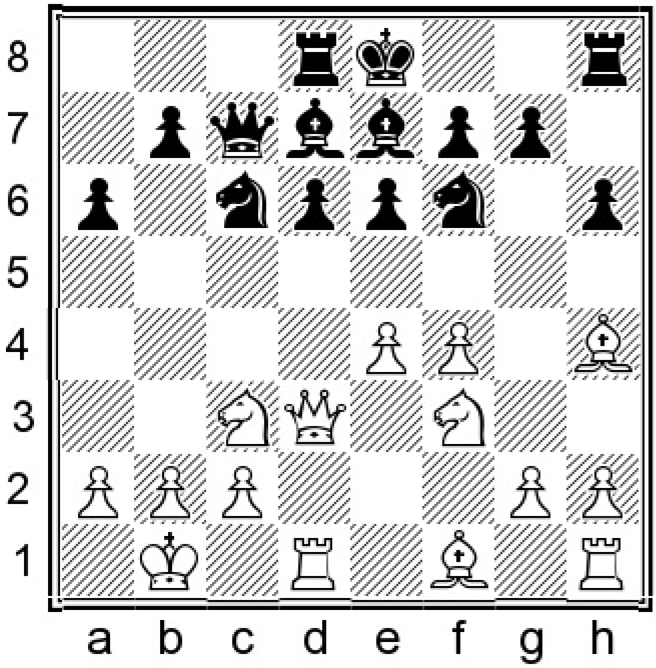
74. * B62
Van Foreest, Jorden (2714) - Shevchenko, Kirill (2652)

Deutschland 153/74, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d3 ♗d7 8.O-O-O a6 9.f4 ♗e7 10.♘f3

10.♘xc6 - 148/60

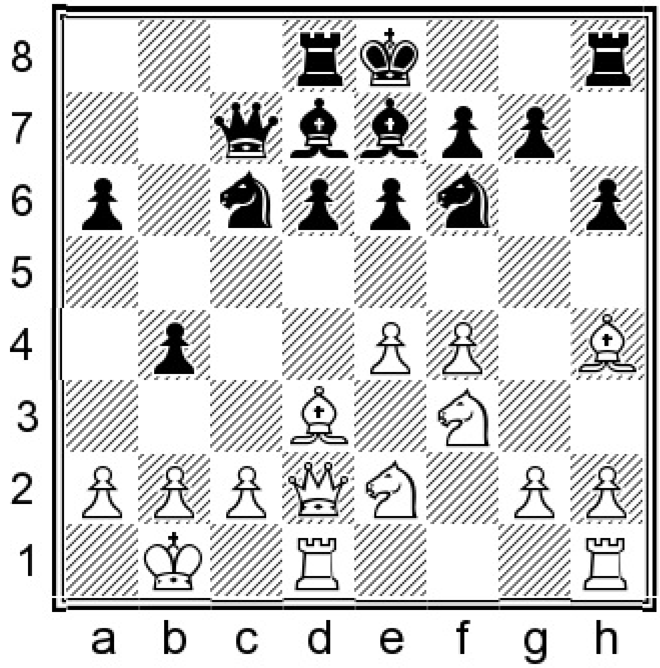
10...h6 11.♗h4 ♕c7 12.♔b1 ♖d8



13.♕d2N

13.♗xf6 ♗xf6 14.♕xd6 ♕xd6 15.♖xd6 ♗xc3 (15...g5!?=∞) 16.bxc3 ♔e7 17.♖d2 ♖c8=∞

13...b5 14.♗d3 b4 15.♘e2



15...♗c8N

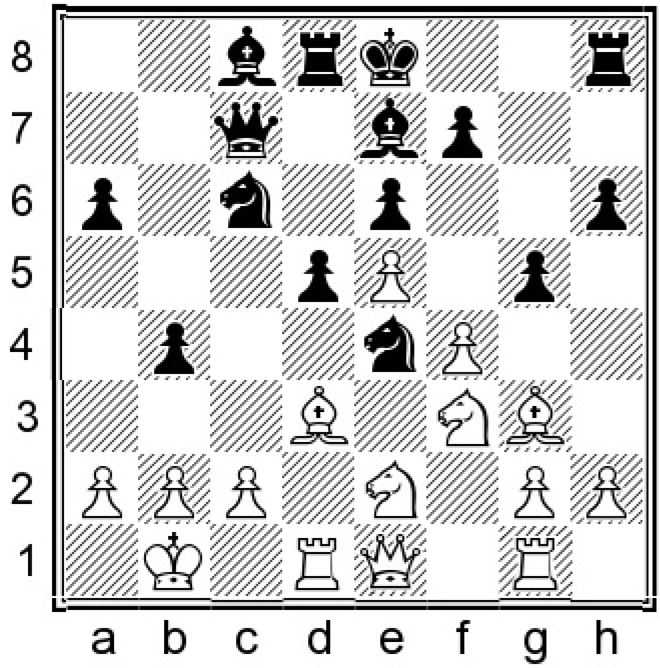
15...a5!? - 153/(74) 16.f5 exf5 17.exf5 ♘e5 18.♘g3 ♗c6 19.♘d4 O-O 20.♗xf6 ♗xf6 21.♘h5 ♘d7 22.♘xf6+ 1/2 (22) Enev, Z-Willmann,B corr 153/(74) 2021

15...d5 16.♗xf6 ♗xf6 17.♘g3 dxe4 18.♘xe4 ♗e7 19.g4 ♗c8 20.♖hg1→

16.♖hg1

16.♗xf6! ♗xf6 (16...gxf6 17.f5 e5 18.♗c4±) 17.g4 ♗e7 18.h4 d5 19.e5 ♕b6 20.f5±

16...d5! 17.e5 ♘e4 18.♕e1 g5 19.♗g3



19...♗b7?!

19...♕b6! 20.♘c1 (20.♘d2 ♘xg3 21.♕xg3 ♔d7∞) 20...♘xg3 21.♕xg3 ♔d7! 22.fxg5 hxg5 23.♘xg5 ♖dg8 24.h4 ♕c7∞

20.♖f1! ♕b6 21.♘fd4

21.♘d2!±

21...gxf4?!

21...a5 22.f5 ♘xd4 23.♘xd4 ♗a6 24.fxe6 (24.♗f2 ♗xd3 25.cxd3 ♘xf2 26.♕xf2 O-O∞) 24...fxe6 25.♗xe4 dxe4 26.♕xe4 ♗xf1 27.♕g6+ ♔d7 28.♘xe6+ ♔c8 29.♖xf1 ♕c6∞

22.♗xf4 ♗c5 23.♘xc6 ♗xc6 24.♘c1 ♘f2 25.♖d2 ♘e4

25...♘xd3 26.♘xd3 ♗b5 27.♕g3 ♗f8 28.♗e3 ♕c7 29.♖df2±

26.♗xe4 dxe4 27.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 28.♗e3

28.♘b3! ♗e7 29.♕f2 ♗b5 30.♖e1±

28...♕e7 29.♘b3 ♗xe3 30.♕xe3 ♗d5 31.♕b6?

31.♘c5 ♕a7 32.♕f4 ♕xc5 (32...♖g8 33.♘xe4 ♗xe4 34.♕xe4+-) 33.♕xf7+ ♔d8 34.♕f6+ ♔c7 35.♕xh8 ♗xa2+ 36.♔a1 ♗d5 37.♕f8+-

31...O-O! 32.♖f6

32.♕xa6?! ♕g5⇄

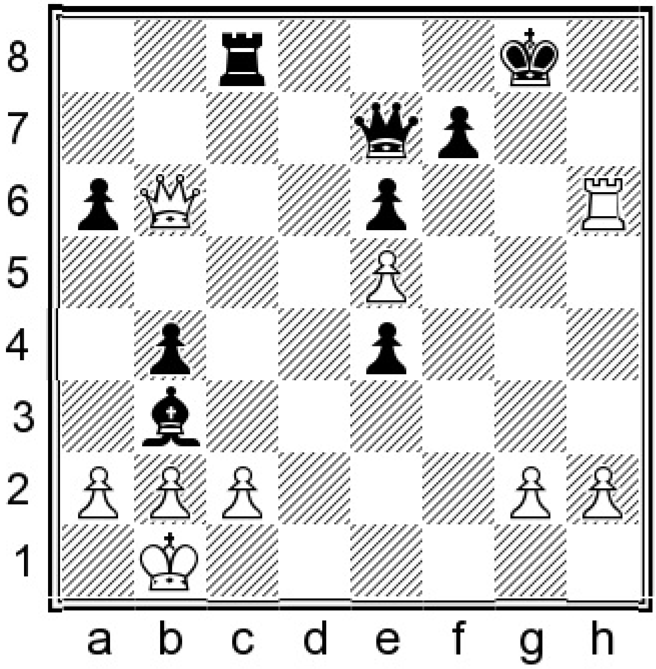
32...♖c8?

32...♖d8 33.♖xh6 ♗xb3 34.axb3 ♖d1+ 35.♔a2 ♕d8 36.♕xd8+ (36.♕xb4 ♖d5 37.♔b1 ♖d1+ 38.♔a2 ♖d5=) 36...♖xd8 37.♖h4 ♖d2 38.♖xe4 a5 39.♖c4 ♖xg2=

33.♖xh6?!

33.♕e3! ♕c7 34.♕g3+ ♔f8 35.♘d4 ♔e7 (35...♕c4? 36.♕g6 ♕xa2+ 37.♔c1 ♕a1+ 38.♔d2 e3+ 39.♔e2 ♗c4+ 40.♔f3 ♖c7 41.♕xh6+ ♔e7 42.♕g7+-) 36.♕f4 ♖f8 37.♖xh6 ♔d7 38.b3±

33...♗xb3



34.♕e3!

34.axb3? ♕c5! 35.♕xc5 (35.♕xa6 ♔g7! 36.♖h4 ♕g1+ 37.♔a2 ♖c7-+) 35...♖xc5∓

34...♗xc2+ 35.♔a1 ♕f8 36.♖h3 f5 37.♖g3+

37.♕a7 ♕g7 38.♖g3 ♕xg3 39.hxg3 ♗d3 40.♕e3 ♔f7=

37...♔f7 38.♕a7+ ♔e8 39.♕b7

39.♕xa6 ♔d7 40.♖h3! ♕c5 (40...♕e7 41.♕b7+ ♖c7 42.♕b5+ ♖c6 43.♕b7+ ♖c7=) 41.♖h7+ ♔d8 42.♖h8+ ♔d7 43.♖h7+=

39...♖d8 40.♕c6+ ♔f7 41.♕c7+ ♔e8 42.♕c6+ ♔e7 43.♕c5+?

43.♕xc2? ♖c8 44.♕d2 ♕d8 45.♕xb4+ (45.♕g5+ ♔d7-+) 45...♔f7 46.♕e1 ♖c2-+; 43.b3! ♗d3 (43...♕h6 44.♕xc2=) 44.♖g6 ♕f7 45.♕c5+ ♔e8 46.♕c6+=

43...♔d7 44.♕xc2 ♖c8 45.♕d2+ ♔c7

45...♔c6!-+

46.a3 ♕c5?

46...a5! 47.♕d4 ♔c6! 48.♕c4+ ♔b6 49.♕xe6+ ♖c6 50.♕d7 ♕c5! 51.♕d8+ ♔b5-+

47.axb4 ♕xe5 48.♖c3+ ♔b8 49.♕e3

49.g3 ♖xc3 50.bxc3 ♔c8 (50...e3 51.♕d8+ ♔a7 52.♕d7+=) 51.♕e3=

49...♔b7 50.g3

50.♖xc8 ♔xc8 51.h4! f4 52.♕e2 e3 53.♕xa6+ ♔c7 54.♕e2=

50...♕d6

50...♖d8 51.♖c5 ♕d4 52.♕f4 ♖d6 53.♔a2=

51.h4 e5 52.♖xc8 ♔xc8 53.h5 ♕d1+ 54.♔a2 ♕xh5 55.♕c5+ ♔d7 56.♕d5+ ♔e7 57.♕xe5+ ♔f7 58.♕c7+ ♔g8 59.♕c8+ ♔g7 60.♕c3+

60.♕xa6! e3 61.♕d3 ♕e8 (61...e2 62.♕e3=) 62.♕e2 ♕e5 63.b5 ♕xg3 64.b6=

60...♔h7 61.♔b3?

61.♕e5 ♕g4 62.♕e7+ ♕g7 63.♕h4+ ♔g8 64.♕f4 ♕f7+ 65.♔b1 ♕e6 66.♔c2∓

61...♕d1+ 62.♔c4 ♔g6 63.♕e3 ♔h5 64.♔c5 ♕d3 65.♕f4 ♔g6

65...e3 66.♔b6 (66.♕f3+ ♔g6 67.g4 ♕e4-+) 66...♕e4 67.g4+ ♔h4-+

66.g4 ♕b5+-+ 67.♔d4 ♕xb4+ 68.♔d5 ♕b3+ 69.♔d4 ♕xb2+ 70.♔c4 ♕e2+ 71.♔d5 ♕d1+ 72.♔e5 ♕xg4 73.♕f2 a5 74.♕b6+ ♔h5 75.♕xa5 e3 76.♔f6 ♕g5+ 77.♔e6 f4 78.♕a8 e2 79.♕h1+ ♕h4 80.♕d5+ ♔h6 81.♕c6 ♕g4+ 82.♔e5+ ♕g6 0-1

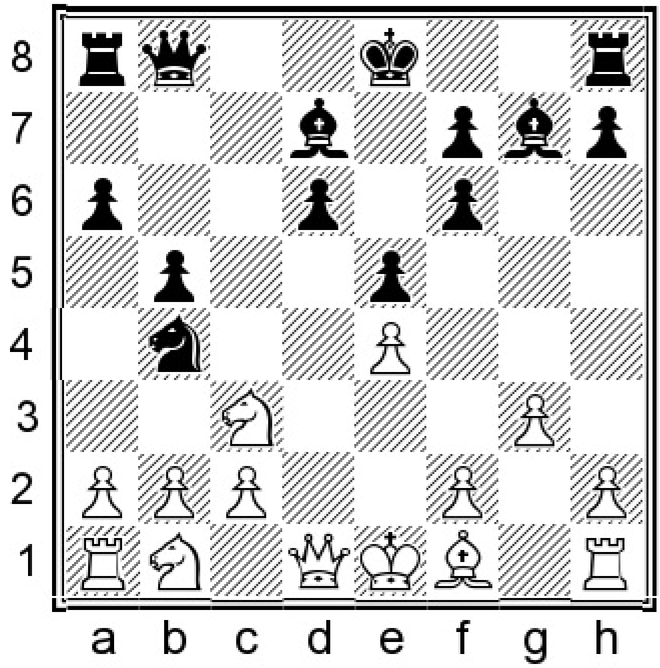
75. ** B62
Gharamian, Tigran (2602) - Bacrot, Etienne (2648)
France (ch) 153/75, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d3 ♗d7 8.♘db5 ♘b4 9.♕d1 ♕b8 10.♗f4 e5 11.♗g5 a6 12.♗xf6 gxf6 13.♘a3 b5 14.♘ab1 ♗g7

14...d5 - 152/64

15.a3

15.g3

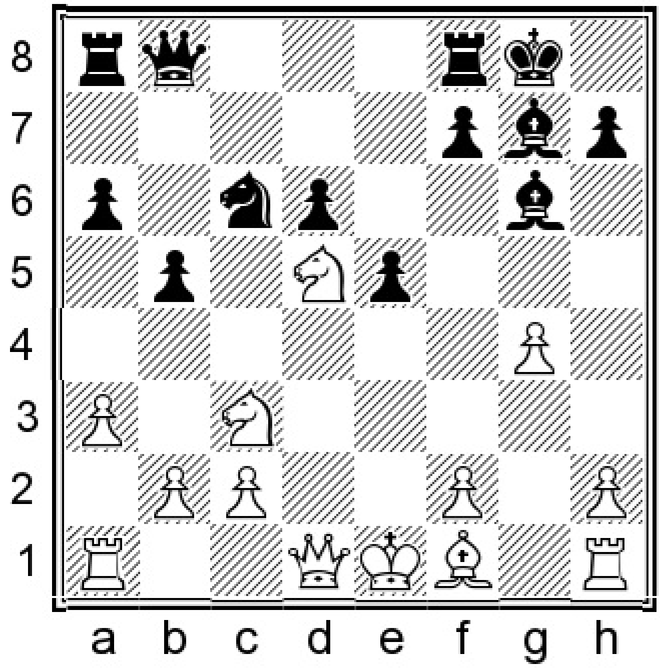


15...h5!?N (15...O-O) 16.h4 ♘c6 17.♘d2?! (17.♘d5 f5 18.♘bc3 ♘d4 19.♗g2∞) 17...♘d4 Dvirnyy,D (2522) -Narayanan,S (2659) Portugal 153/(75) 2022 (17...♘d4 18.♘d5±; 17...♘e7!∓)

15...♘c6 16.♘d5 f5 17.♘bc3 O-O 18.exf5 ♗xf5 19.g4

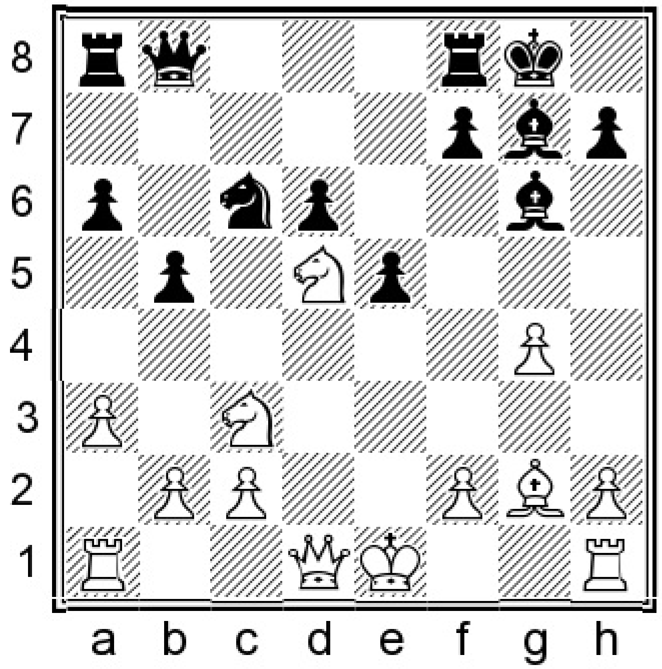
19.♗d3 ♗xd3 20.♕xd3 f5 21.O-O ♔h8 22.♖ad1 ♕a7∞

19...♗g6



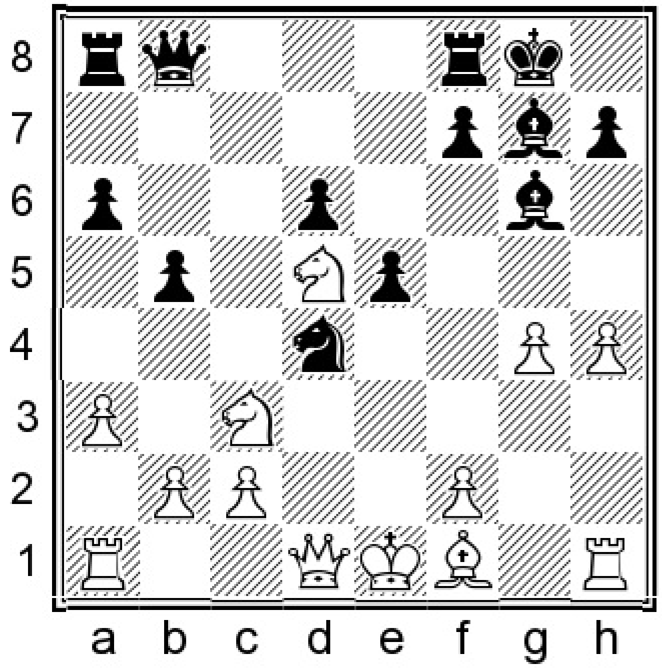
20.h4N

20.♗g2



- 153/(75) 20...♖a7?!N (20...♕a7 - 150/(54)) 21.g5 (21.h4! ♘d4 22.♘e4 f5 23.gxf5 ♖xf5 24.h5 ♗f7 25.♘e3 ♖f4 26.h6 ♗f8 27.c3 ♘e6 28.♘d5±) 21...♘d4 22.♘e4 ♔h8↑ Smirnov, A (2600)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2620) Chennai (ol) 153/(75) 2022

20...♘d4

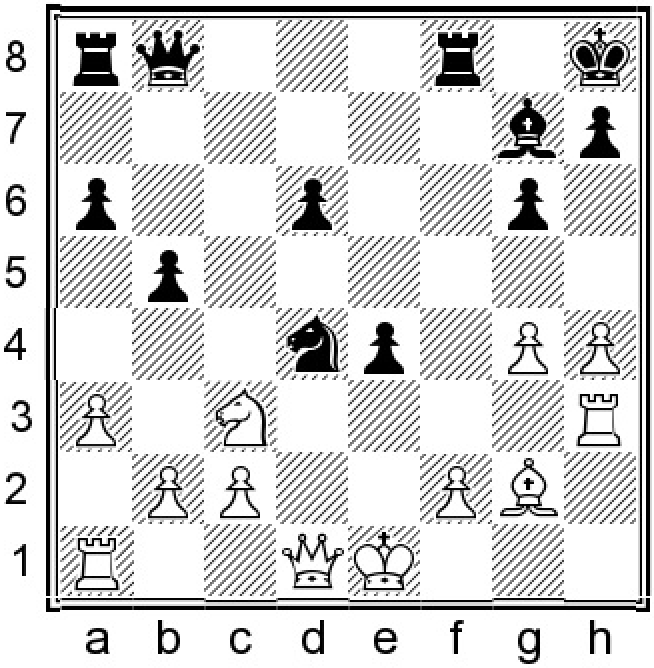


20...b4! 21.axb4 ♘xb4 22.♘e7+ ♔h8 23.♘xg6+ fxg6 24.♗g2 ♕b6 25.O-O ♖ad8 26.♘d5 ♘xd5 27.♕xd5 ♖f4↑

21.♘e7+??

21.♘e3 b4 22.axb4 ♕xb4 23.♗g2 ♕xb2 24.♘a4 ♕b5 25.h5 ♗xc2 26.♘xc2 ♖fc8! 27.♘e3 (27.♘xd4 exd4 28.♗xa8? ♖e8+ 29.♔d2 ♗h6+-+) 27...♖ab8→; 21.♖c1 h6 22.♗g2 ♕a7↑

21...♔h8 22.♘xg6+ fxg6 23.♗g2 e4!-+ 24.♖h3



24.♗xe4 d5 25.♗xd5 ♕e5+ 26.♔f1 ♕f4 27.♘e4 ♖ad8-+; 24.♘xe4 d5 25.c3 dxe4 26.cxd4 ♕d6 27.O-O ♗xd4-+

24...d5! 25.♘xd5 ♕e5 26.♘e3 ♖ad8 27.c3 ♕f4 0-1

76. * B62
Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2608) - Cordova, Emilio (2549)
Chennai (ol) 153/76, 2022

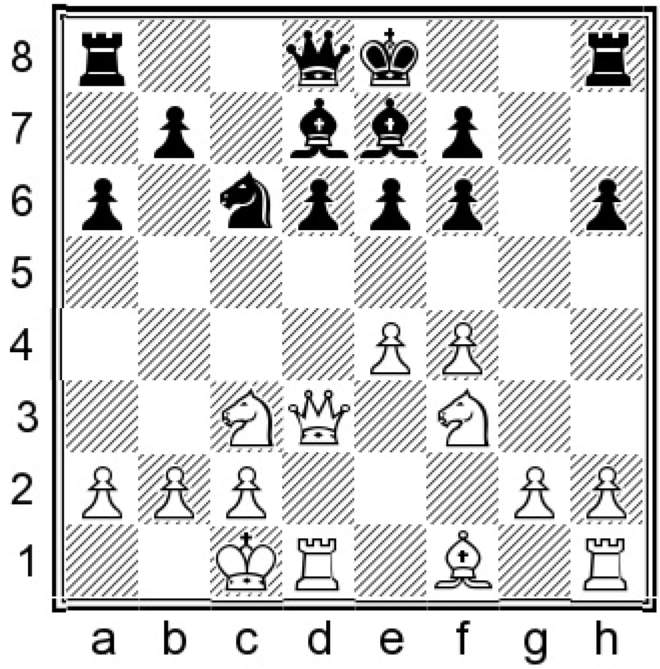
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d3 ♗d7 8.O-O-O a6 9.f4 ♗e7 10.♘f3

10.♘xc6 - 148/60

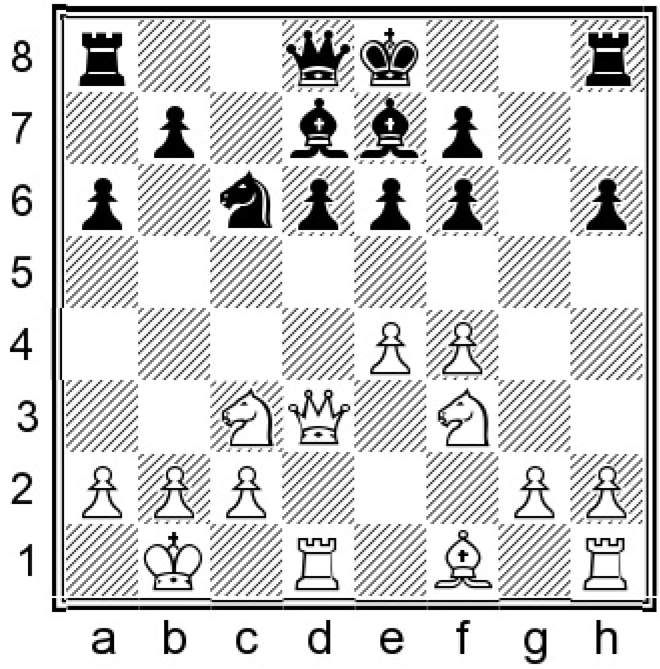
10...h6 11.♗xf6

11.♗h4 g5 12.fxg5 ♘g4 13.♗g3 hxg5 14.♕d2±

11...gxf6



12.♔b1N



12.f5

12...♕c7N

12...♕a5 - 153/(76) 13.♗e2 ♖c8 14.a3±

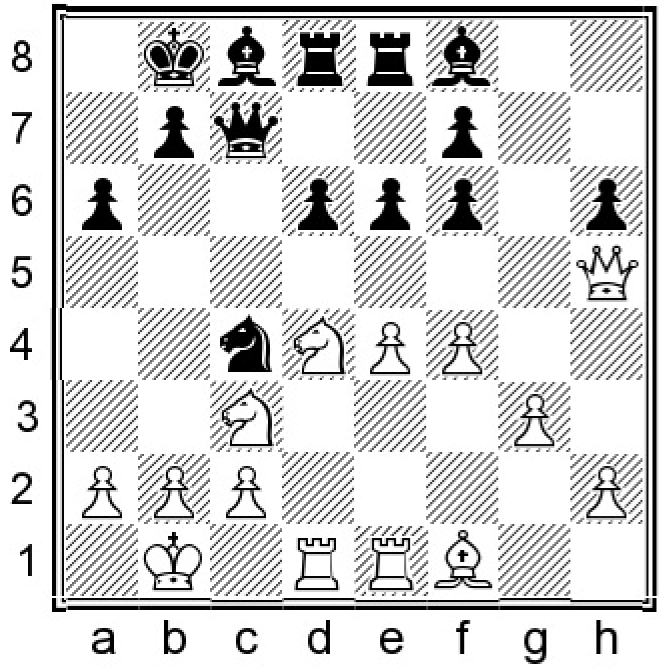
13.g3 O-O-O 14.♗h3 ♔b8 15.♖he1 ♗c8 16.♕e3 ♘a5 17.♘d4 ♖he8

17...♘c4 18.♕e2 h5 19.f5 d5!⇄

18.♕f3 ♗f8 19.♕h5

19.♗f1 ♘c4 20.♗xc4 ♕xc4 21.f5↑

19...♘c4 20.♗f1



20...d5! 21.exd5

21.♗xc4 dxc4 22.♕h4 ♗g7 23.f5 ♕c5 24.♘de2 exf5∞

21...♘a3+ 22.♔c1 ♗b4?!

22...e5! 23.fxe5 fxe5 24.♘b3 ♗e7! 25.♕xh6 ♖g8 26.♕h7 ♗g5+ 27.♘d2 ♖g6 28.h4 ♗h6∞

23.♖e3 e5 24.fxe5 ♖xe5 25.♕xh6

25.♕f3!

25...♗g4 26.♗e2?!

26.♖de1 ♖de8 27.♖xe5 fxe5 28.♕e3! exd4 29.♕xe8+ ♔a7 30.♕e5 ♕b6 31.♘d1 ♕h6+ 32.♕f4 ♕xf4+ 33.gxf4 ♗xe1 34.bxa3±

26...♗xe2?!

26...♘c4! 27.♗xc4 (27.♖xe5 fxe5 28.♗xg4 exd4 29.♖xd4 ♘xb2! 30.♘e4 ♗a3∞; 27.d6 ♗xd6 28.♖xe5 ♗xe5 29.♘c6+ bxc6 30.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 31.♗xc4 ♕d4∞) 27...♗xd1 28.♘c6+ bxc6 29.♘xd1 cxd5 30.♗xa6∞

27.♘cxe2 ♖de8

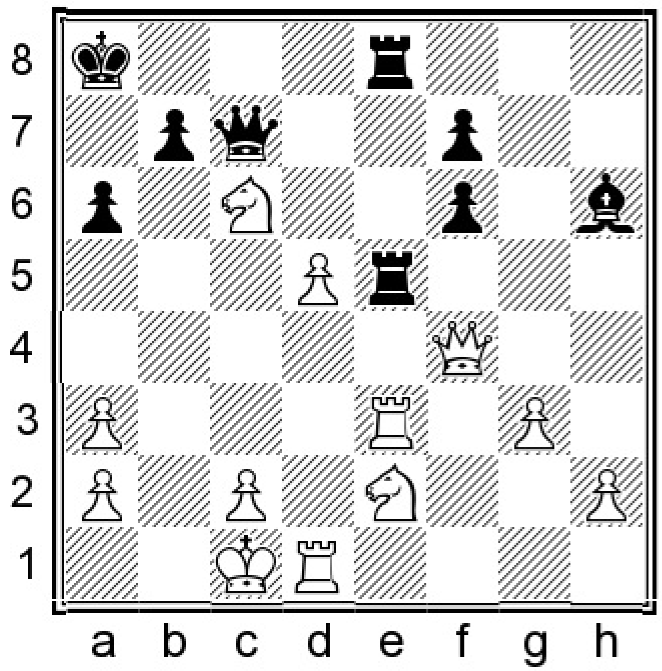
27...♘c4 28.♖b3! ♗f8 29.♕xf6+-

28.bxa3?

28.d6! ♗xd6 29.♖xe5 fxe5 (29...♖xe5 30.bxa3 ♗xa3+ 31.♔d2+-) 30.♘c6+ ♕xc6 31.♕xd6+ ♕xd6 32.♖xd6 ♘c4 33.♖f6+-

28...♗f8 29.♘c6+ ♕xc6

29...bxc6? 30.♖b3+ ♔a7 31.♕f4+-; 29...♔a8? 30.♕f4 ♗h6



31.♘xe5! ♗xf4 32.gxf4 fxe5 33.fxe5+-

30.♕f4 ♕d6 31.♖xe5 ♖xe5 32.♕c4??

32.♘d4 ♕xa3+ (32...♕xd5 33.♔b2 ♕c5 34.♕f3 f5∞) 33.♔b1 ♗d6 34.♕xf6 ♖xd5∞

32...♕xa3+ 33.♔b1 ♖xe2!-+ 34.d6

34.♕xe2 ♕b4+ 35.♔a1 (35.♔c1 ♗h6+ 36.♖d2 ♕c3-+) 35...♕c3+ 36.♔b1 ♗a3-+

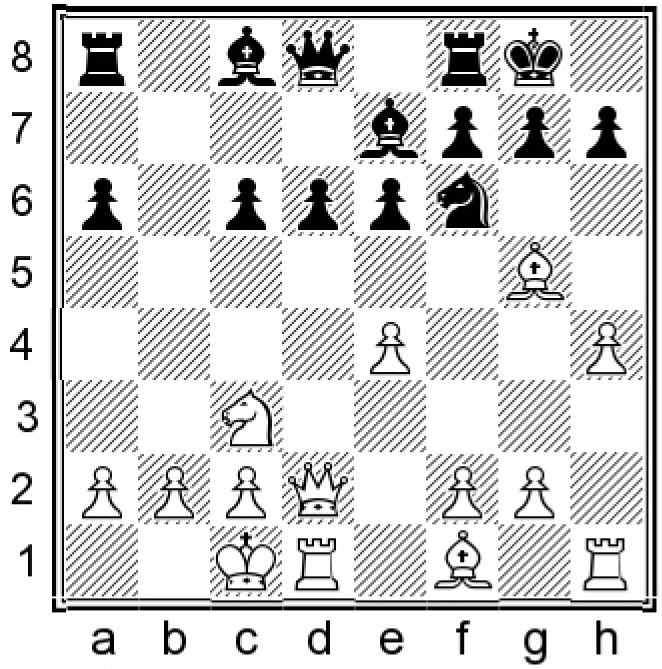
34...♖e6 35.♕c7+ ♔a7 36.d7 ♗e7 37.♔a1 ♖c6 0-1

77. * B63
Grieve, Harry (2390) - Gormally, Daniel (2466)
Great Britain (ch) 153/77, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 ♗e7 8.O-O-O O-O 9.h4 a6

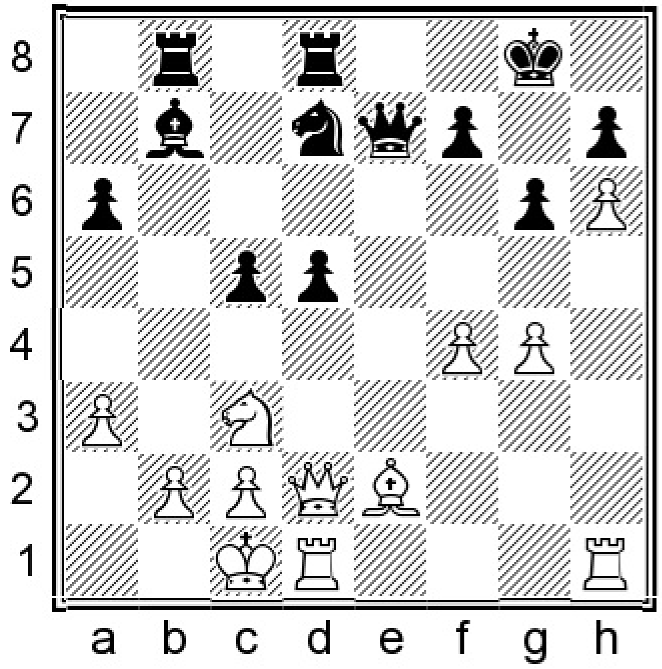
9...h6?! 10.♘xc6 bxc6 11.e5!±; 9...♘xd4 10.♕xd4 ♕a5 11.♕e3∞ (11.♔b1 - 46/252)

10.♘xc6 bxc6



11.♖h3N

11.g4!? - 153/(77) 11...d5 12.f3 ♘d7 13.♗xe7 ♕xe7 14.h5 ♖b8 15.h6 g6 16.a3 ♖d8 17.♗e2 ♗b7 18.f4 c5 19.exd5 exd5

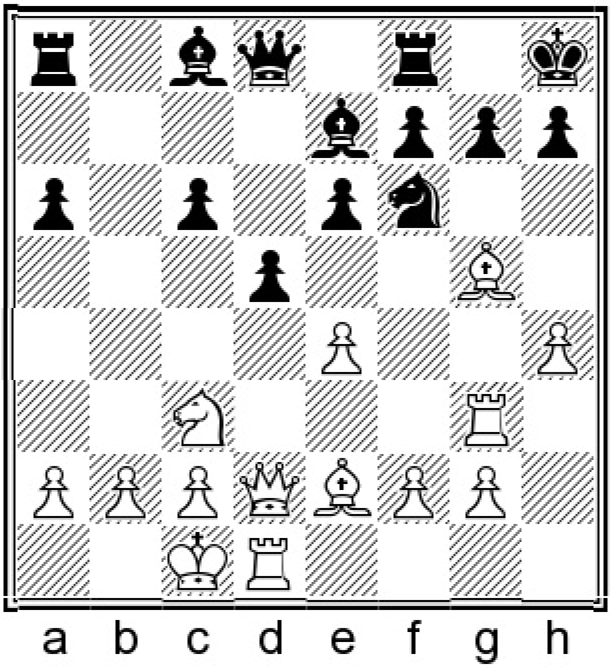


20.♗xa6! ♗xa6 (20...♘f6 21.♖he1 ♕c7 22.♗xb7 ♕xb7 23.b3±) 21.♘xd5 ♕f8 22.♕c3 f6 23.♘c7 (23.♖he1 ♗b5 24.g5+-) 23...♗e2 24.♘e6 ♕f7 25.♘xd8 ♖xd8 26.♖d6+- Van Foreest,J (2678) - Blomqvist,E (2521) Chennai (ol) 153/(77) 2022; 11.♗c4; 11.e5

11...d5 12.♖g3 ♔h8

12...♘h5 13.♖d3± (13.♖e3? f6-+; 13.♗xe7 ♕xe7 14.♖d3±)

13.♗e2



13...♖b8?

13...♗d6! 14.f4 (14.♖d3 ♕c7) 14...♗e7 15.♔b1 (15.h5 h6!; 15.f5!?) 15...♖b8∞

14.♕e3

14.h5! ♕b6 15.b3 ♕xf2? 16.♖f3+-

14...♘g8

14...c5? 15.exd5 exd5 16.♘xd5! (16.♗xf6? ♗xf6 17.♕xc5 ♗e6∓) 16...♘xd5 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♖xd5+-

15.exd5 exd5

15...cxd5 16.♗xe7 ♘xe7 17.♕e5!+-

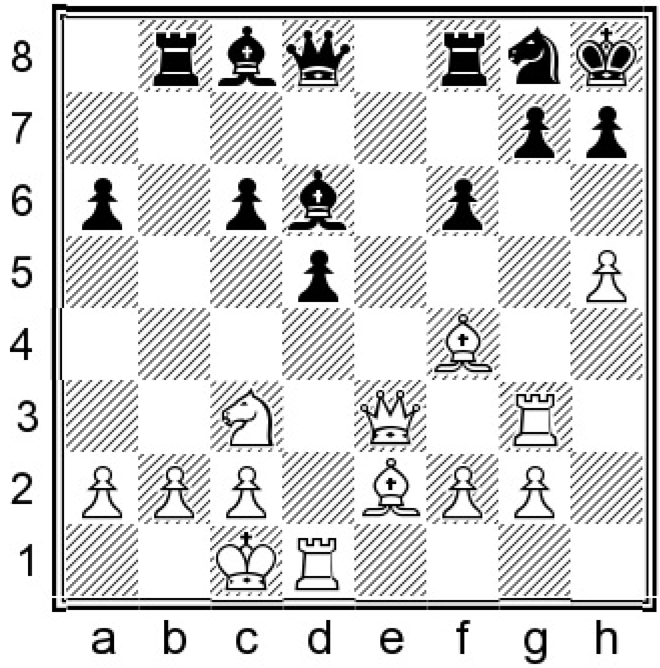
16.h5?!

16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♕xe7 ♘xe7 18.♖gd3± (18.♘a4 ♖b4 19.♖a3 ♖xh4 20.♘b6±)

16...f6?

16...♗xg5 17.♕xg5 ♕xg5+ 18.♖xg5 ♖b4±

17.♗f4 ♗d6??



17...♖b4 18.a3 ♖xf4 19.♕xf4 ♗d6 20.♕h4 ♕c7 (20...♗xg3 21.♕xg3 ♖e8 (21...♘e7? 22.♕b8+-) 22.♕b8 f5±) 21.♖f3 ♗e6±

18.♖xg7! ♖e8

18...♔xg7 19.♕g3++-; 18...♗xf4 19.♕xf4 ♕b6 20.h6 ♕xb2+ 21.♔d2 ♖b4 22.♖xg8++-

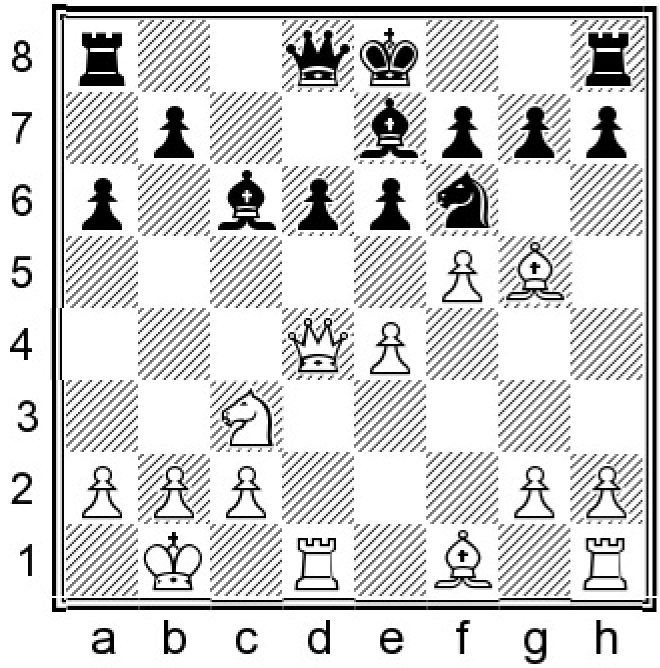
19.♕g3 ♗xf4+ 20.♕xf4 ♕b6 21.h6 ♕xb2+ 22.♔d2 ♖b4 23.♗d3 1-0

78. B67
Lagarde, Maxime (2631) - Muradli, Mahammad (2523)
Biel (open) 153/78, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗d7 9.♔b1!? ♘xd4 10.♕xd4 ♗e7

10...h6 - 140/68

11.f4 ♗c6 12.f5



12.♗d3 ♕a5 13.♖he1 h6 14.♗h4 ♕c5∞

12...♕a5N

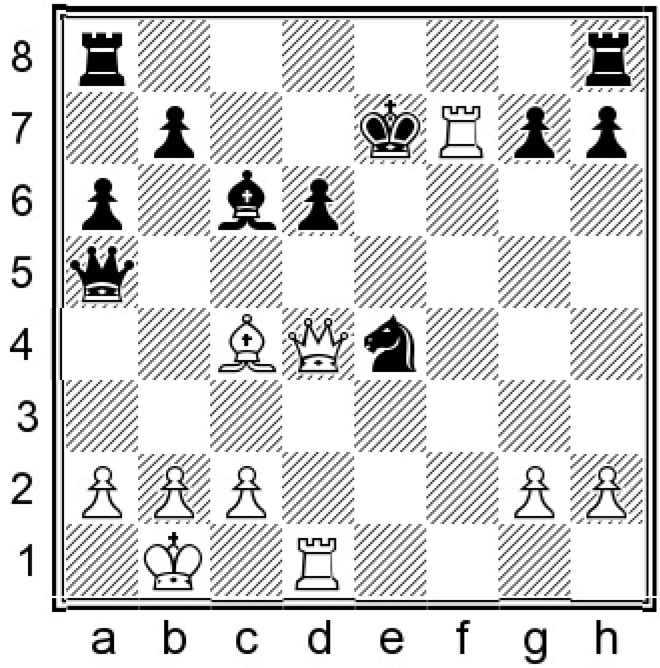
12...h6

13.♗c4 exf5 14.♖hf1

14.exf5 ♕xf5 (14...O-O 15.♕h4→) 15.♖he1 (15.♕e3 O-O 16.♕xe7 ♕xg5 17.♘d5 ♖ae8 18.♘xf6+ gxf6 19.♕xd6 ♔g7∞) 15...O-O 16.♕h4 ♗d8 17.♖xd6 (17.♗d3 ♕g4 18.♗xh7+ ♔h8∞) 17...♕g4∞

14...fxe4 15.♗xf6

15.♘xe4!? ♘xe4 (15...♗xe4? 16.♗xf6 ♗xf6 17.♕xe4+ ♕e5 18.♕xb7 O-O 19.♖fe1 ♕h5 20.♗b3±) 16.♕xg7 (16.♗xe7 ♔xe7 17.♖xf7+



17...♔e8! (17...♔d8?? 18.♗e6! (18.♕xg7? ♖e8-+) 18...♕g5 (18...♖e8? 19.♕xd6+!+-) 19.♗d7! ♗xd7 20.♕xe4+-) 18.♕xg7 (18.♖e7+ ♔xe7 19.♕xg7+ ♔d8 20.♕xh8+ ♔c7 21.♕xa8 ♘d2+ 22.♖xd2 ♕xd2=) 18...♕e5 19.♕xe5+ dxe5 20.♖f5=; 16.♗xf7+ ♔d7 17.♗xe7 ♔xe7 18.♗g6! ♕e5 19.♗xe4 ♗xe4 20.♖fe1 ♕xd4 21.♖xd4 ♖ae8 22.♖dxe4+ ♔d7=) 16...O-O-O 17.♗xe7 ♘d2+ 18.♖xd2 ♕xd2 19.♗xd8 ♖xd8 20.♕xh7 (20.g4 ♗e4∞) 20...♗xg2∞

15...♗xf6 16.♖xf6 gxf6 17.♕xf6?!

17.♘d5!? O-O-O! 18.b4 ♕a3 19.♘e7+ ♔c7 20.♗b3 e3! (20...d5 21.♘xc6 bxc6 22.♕a7+ ♔d6 (22...♔c8 23.b5!→) 23.♖f1→) 21.♖d3 e2 22.♖e3 ♖he8 23.♖xe2∞

17...♕e5!

17...O-O 18.♖f1 ♕e5 19.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 20.♕xf7+ ♔h8 21.g3±

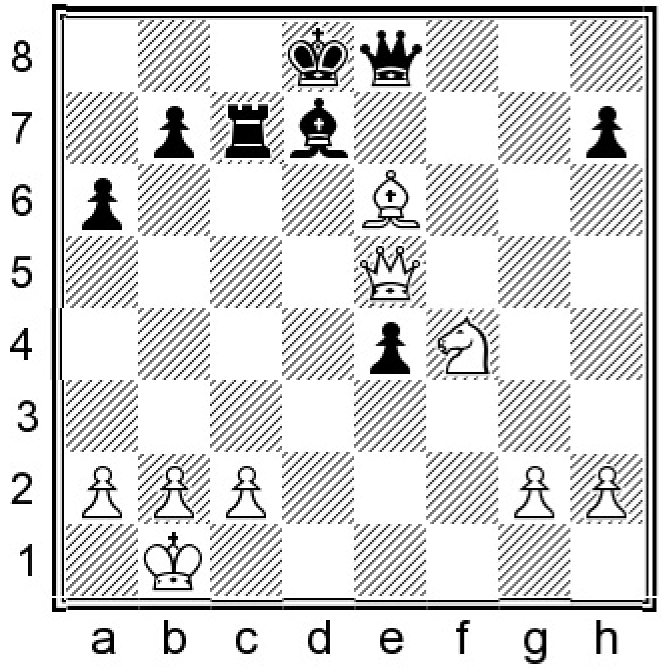
18.♕xf7+ ♔d8 19.♘d5?

19.♗e6 ♖e8 20.♗g4 ♕e7 21.♕c4 ♖f8∓

19...♖c8 20.♘f4

20.♕f2 ♗xd5 21.♖xd5 ♕xh2 22.b3 ♔c7∓

20...♗d7 21.♗e6 ♖c7 22.♖xd6 ♕xd6 23.♕f6+ ♕e7 24.♕xh8+ ♕e8 25.♕e5



25...♖c6?

25...e3! 26.♘d5 (26.♕xe3 ♖c6-+) 26...♖c6 27.♕f6+ ♔c8 28.♘e7+ ♕xe7! (28...♔b8 29.♘xc6+ ♗xc6 30.♔c1!∞) 29.♕xe7 ♖xe6 30.♕xh7 e2 31.♕h8+ ♖e8 32.♕c3+ ♗c6 33.♕e1 ♗xg2∓

26.♕b8+ ♖c8

26...♔e7 27.♕xb7 ♖xe6 28.♘xe6 ♕h5! (28...♔xe6 29.♕xe4+=) 29.a3 ♔xe6 30.♕xe4+ ♔f7∓

27.♕e5 ♖c6 28.♕b8+ ♖c8 29.♕e5 1/2-1/2

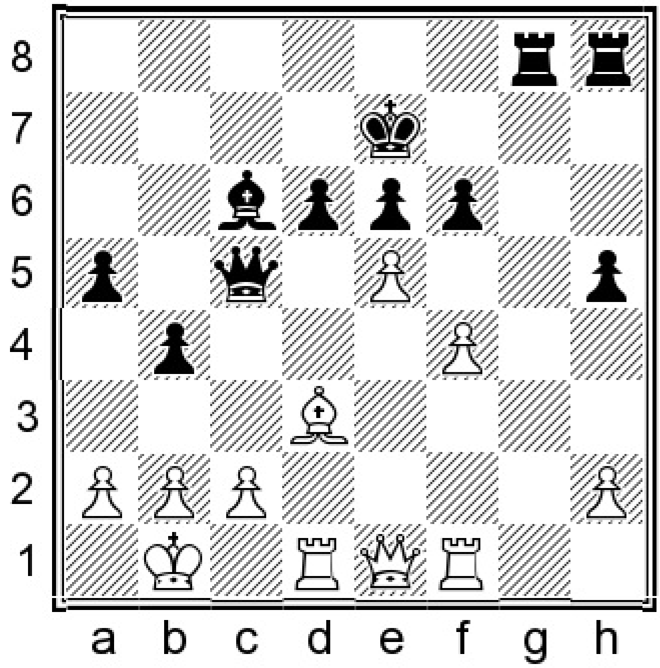
79. * B67
Mihok, Oliver (2552) - Pranav, Anand (2489)
Skalica 153/79, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗d7 9.f4 b5 10.♗xf6 gxf6 11.♔b1 ♕b6 12.♘xc6 ♗xc6 13.f5 h5 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.♗d3 b4 16.♘e2 ♗h6

16...♕c5 - 22/454

17.♕e1 ♔e7 18.♖f1 ♕c5

18...♖ag8? 19.g3 a5 20.♘f4 ♗xf4 21.gxf4 ♕c5 22.e5



22...fxe5N (22...h4 23.exd6++-) 23.fxe5 ♕xe5 24.♕h4+ ♕g5 25.♕d4 ♖f8 26.♖g1+- Vokhidov, S (2536)-Shevchenko,K (2652) chess.com (Int.-m/37-blitz) 153/(79) 2022

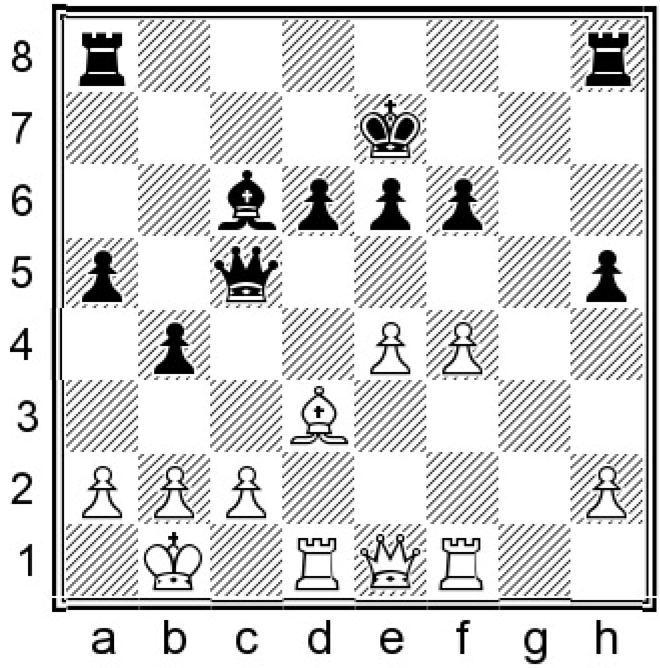
19.g3

19.e5!?

19...a5 20.♘f4 ♗xf4!

20...♖hg8?! 21.♘d5+! ♗xd5 22.exd5±

21.gxf4



21...d5?N

21...h4 22.e5! fxe5 23.♖g1 ♗f3 24.♖c1 ♖af8 25.c3!↑; 21...♖hg8! 22.h3 (22.e5!? dxe5 23.fxe5 ♕xe5 24.♕f2 ♖ad8 25.♖de1 ♕d4 26.♕f5 ♗d5∞) 22...♖af8 23.♕h4 ♔d7 24.e5 (24.b3 a4∞) 24...fxe5 25.♕xh5∞

22.e5?

22.exd5! ♗xd5 23.♗e4 ♖hd8 (23...♖ad8 24.♖g1 ♔f7 25.♗xd5 exd5 26.♕e2+-; 23...♗xe4 24.♕xe4 ♖ac8 25.♖g1 ♕c6 26.♕d3+-) 24.♖g1 ♔f7 (24...♗xe4 25.♕xe4 ♖xd1+ 26.♖xd1 ♖c8 27.♕h7+ ♔e8 28.b3+-) 25.♗xd5 ♖xd5 26.♖xd5 ♕xd5 27.♕g3+-

22...f5 23.♖g1

23.♖c1!? a4 24.c4 d4 25.♖g1 ♖ag8 26.♕h4+ ♔d7 27.♕f6 ♕e7 28.c5∞ (28.♖g5∞)

23...♖ag8 24.♕h4+ ♔d7 25.♖xg8

25.♖g5 ♔c7 26.b3 a4=

25...♖xg8 26.♕xh5 ♔d8 27.b3

27.♕f7 ♖g1 28.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 29.♗xf1 ♕g1 30.♕f8+=

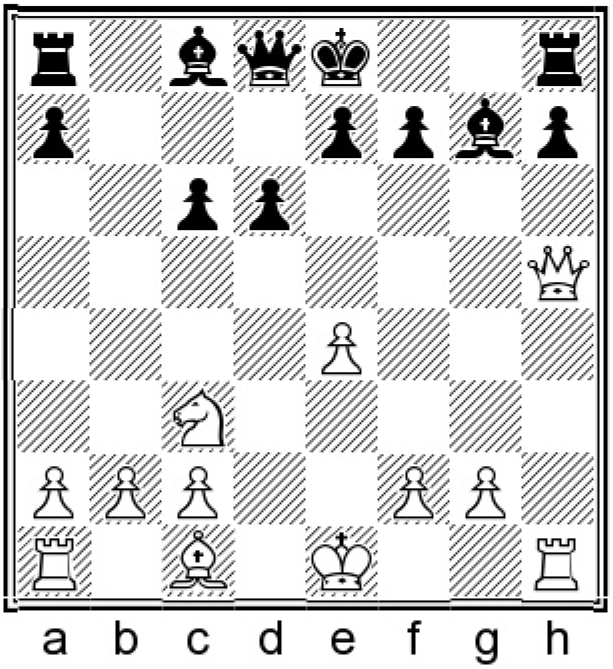
27...a4 28.bxa4 ♗xa4 29.♕h4+ ♔c8 30.♕h6 ♗d7

30...♖g1 31.♕xe6+ ♔b8 32.♖xg1 ♕xg1+ 33.♔b2 ♕d4+=

31.h4 ♔c7 32.♕h7 ♖g1 33.♖xg1 ♕xg1+ 34.♔b2 ♕d4+ 35.♔b1 ♕g1+ 36.♔b2 ♕d4+ 37.♔b1 ♕g1+ 38.♔b2 1/2-1/2

80. B70
Delgado Ramirez, Neuris (2603) - Lima, Darcy (2464)
Sales Oliveira 153/80, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘c6 6.♗e2 g6 7.h4 ♗g7 8.♘xc6?! bxc6 9.h5?! ♘xh5! 10.♗xh5 gxh5 11.♕xh5

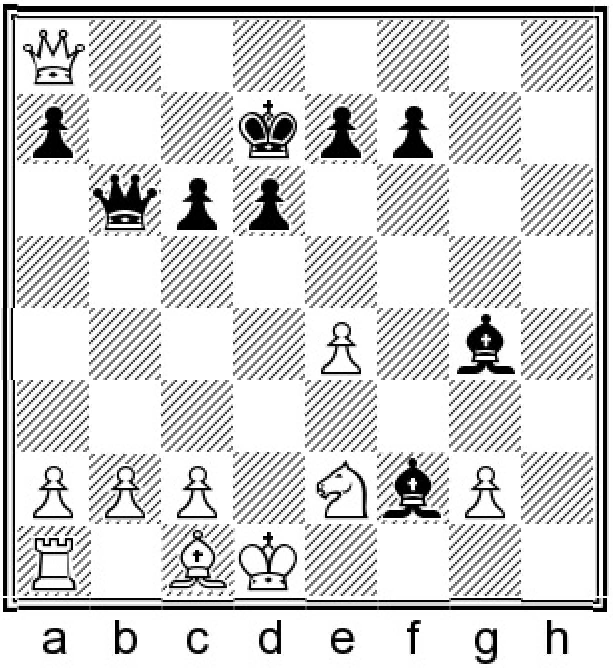


11...♕b6N

11...♖b8

12.O-O?!

12.♕f3 h5 13.♖xh5 ♖xh5 14.♕xh5 ♗e6 15.♕g5 ♗d4!∓ 16.♕g8+? ♔d7 17.♕xa8 ♗xf2+ 18.♔e2 (18.♔f1? ♗h4-+; 18.♔d1 ♗g4+ 19.♘e2



19...f6!! (19...♕b5 20.c4 ♕xc4 21.♕b7+ ♔d8 22.♕b8+=) 20.c3 ♕b5 21.c4 ♕b4 22.♔c2 ♗xe2 23.b3 ♕e1! 24.♕b7+ ♔e6 25.♕xc6 (25.♗b2 ♗d3+! 26.♔xd3 ♕e3+ 27.♔c2 ♕xe4+ 28.♔d2 ♗e3+ 29.♔c3 ♗d4+ 30.♔d2 ♕xg2+ 31.♔d1 ♕f3+ 32.♔d2 ♕e3+ 33.♔d1 ♕d3+ 34.♔e1 ♗xb2-+) 25...♕d1+

26.♔c3 ♗d4+ 27.♔b4 ♗xa1-+) 18...♗g4+ 19.♔f1 ♗g1! (19...♗h4? 20.♘d1 ♗xd1 21.♗e3 ♕xe3 22.♕b7+ ♔d8 (22...♔e6? 23.♕c8+ ♔f6 24.♕f5+ ♔g7 25.♖xd1+-) 23.♕b8+ ♔d7=) 20.♘d1 ♗xd1 21.♗e3 ♗xe3 22.♖xd1 ♕xb2∓

12...♗xc3?!

12...♗e5! 13.♘e2 ♖g8∓

13.bxc3 ♕b5= 14.♕h4?!

14.♕xb5 cxb5 15.a4=; 14.♕h6!?

14...♗e6?!

14...h5⩱

15.♗e3

15.♗f4!?

15...c5

15...f6!?

16.♖ab1 ♕c6 17.♖b2

17.♗g5

17...f6 18.♖fb1 h5 19.f3 ♔f7= 20.c4 ♕a4

20...♗xc4?! 21.e5 ♗a6 22.exf6 exf6 23.c4⯹

21.♖b7

21.♖b8!? ♕c6 22.♖8b7 ♗d7=

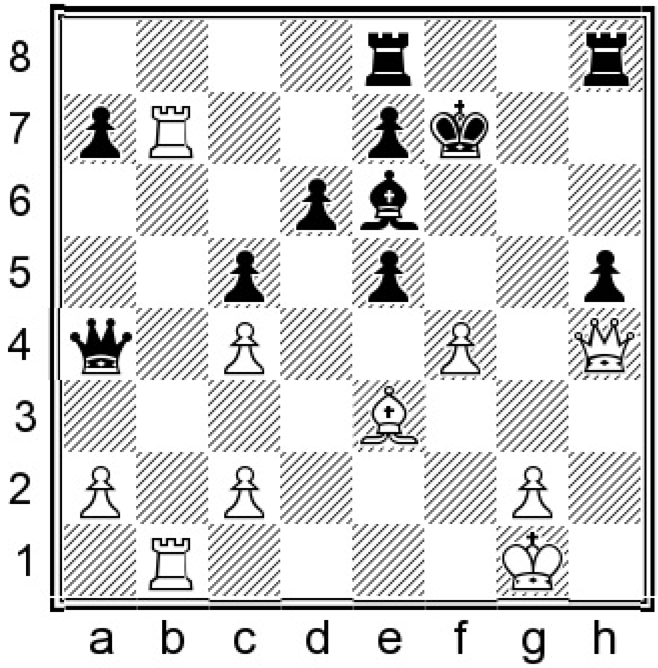
21...♖ae8

21...♕xc2!? 22.e5 dxe5□ 23.♗xc5 ♖ae8∞; 21...♗c8!?

22.e5 fxe5

⌓22...dxe5

23.f4!?



23.♗g5 ♕xc4□ 24.f4 (24.♗xe7 ♕xh4 25.♗xh4+ ♔g6=) 24...♔g6=

23...♕xc4□ 24.♕g5 ♗d5

24...exf4? 25.♖f1 ♕xf1+ 26.♔xf1 fxe3 27.♖xa7±

25.fxe5!? ♗xb7□ 26.♕f5+

26.♖xb7 ♕g4 27.♕f6+ ♔g8 28.♖xe7 ♖xe7 29.♕xe7 dxe5=; 26.♖f1+ ♕xf1+ 27.♔xf1 ♔e6 28.exd6=

26...♔g7 27.e6 ♖hg8??

27...♖hf8 28.♕g5+ ♔h7=

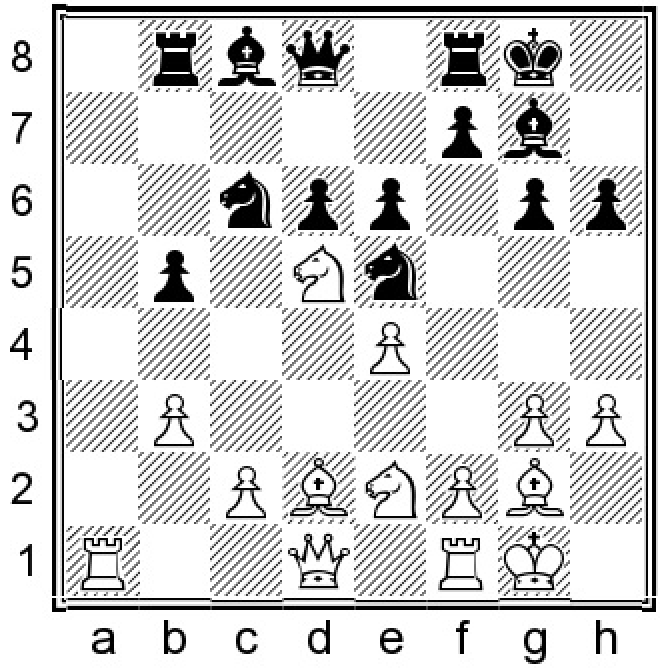
28.♕g5+ ♔h7 29.♕h6# 1-0

81. B70
Smirin, Ilia (2603) - Mishra, Abhimanyu (2535)
Saint Louis 153/81, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘e2 ♘f6 3.♘bc3 d6 4.g3 g6 5.d4 cxd4 6.♘xd4 ♘c6 7.♘de2 ♗g7 8.♗g2 O-O 9.O-O ♖b8 10.a4 a6 11.♘d5 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.♗g5 ♘g4

13...♘d7 - 86/(207)

14.h3 h6 15.♗d2 ♘ge5 16.b3 e6



17.♘b4N

17.♘e3 b4!? (17...♕b6)

17...♗b7 18.♗c3

18.♘xc6 ♘xc6 19.c3 ♖a8=; 18.♖c1!?

18...♕b6 19.♘xc6 ♕xc6

19...♘xc6!? 20.♗xg7 ♔xg7 21.♕xd6 ♖fd8 22.♕f4 e5 23.♕c1 ♖bc8⩱

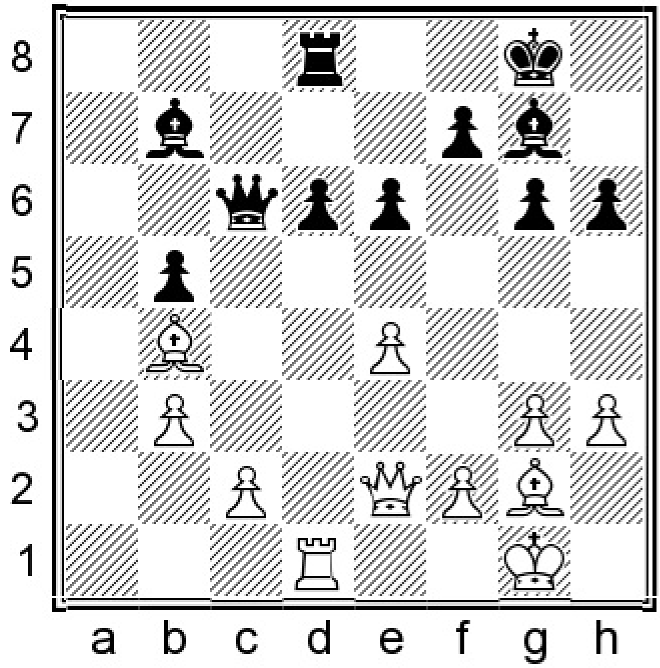
20.♗b4 ♖fd8 21.♘d4 ♕d7 22.♖a7

22.c3 d5 23.f4 ♘c6 24.♘xc6 ♕xc6 25.e5 ♗f8=; 22.♕e2 d5=

22...♖a8 23.♖xa8 ♖xa8

23...♗xa8 24.f4 ♘c6 25.♘xc6 ♗xc6=

24.♕e2 ♘c6 25.♘xc6 ♕xc6 26.♖d1 ♖d8



26...♖a1 27.h4 (27.♖xa1 ♗xa1 28.c3 ♗xc3 29.♗xc3 ♕xc3 30.♕xb5 ♕c6 31.♕a5 ♗a6=) 27...♖xd1+ 28.♕xd1 ♗f8; 26...♗f8 27.h4 h5 28.♕d3 e5=

27.♖d3

27.h4!? ♗c3 28.♗xc3 ♕xc3 29.♕xb5 ♕xc2 30.♖d4 ♖a8=

27...f5

⌓27...♗f8

28.♕d2 fxe4

28...♗f8 29.♖c3 ♕d7 30.exf5 ♗xg2 31.♔xg2 gxf5 32.♖e3↑

29.♖xd6 ♖xd6 30.♕xd6

30.♗xd6↑

30...♕xd6

30...♕xc2 31.♕b8+ (31.♕xe6+ ♔h7 32.♕f7 ♕d1+ 33.♔h2 ♕d5=) 31...♗c8 32.♕xb5 e3 33.fxe3 ♕xb3 34.♕e8+ ♔h7 35.♕xc8 ♕xb4 36.♕xe6 ♕d2=∞

31.♗xd6 ♗c3 32.♔f1 e5 33.♔e2 ♔f7 34.h4 h5 35.♗h3 b4 36.♗c5 ♔f6 37.♗d7 ♗a6+ 38.♔e3 ♗b7 39.♗e8 ♗d5 40.♗b6 ♗b7 41.♗b5 ♔e7 42.♗c5+ ♔f6 43.♔e2 ♗d5 44.♗e3 ♗d4 45.♗g5+ ♔f7 46.♗d2 ♗c5 47.♗e3 ♗d4 48.♗d2 1/2-1/2

82. B72
Van Foreest, Jorden (2678) - Saric, Ivan (2680)
Zagreb (rapid) 153/82, 2022

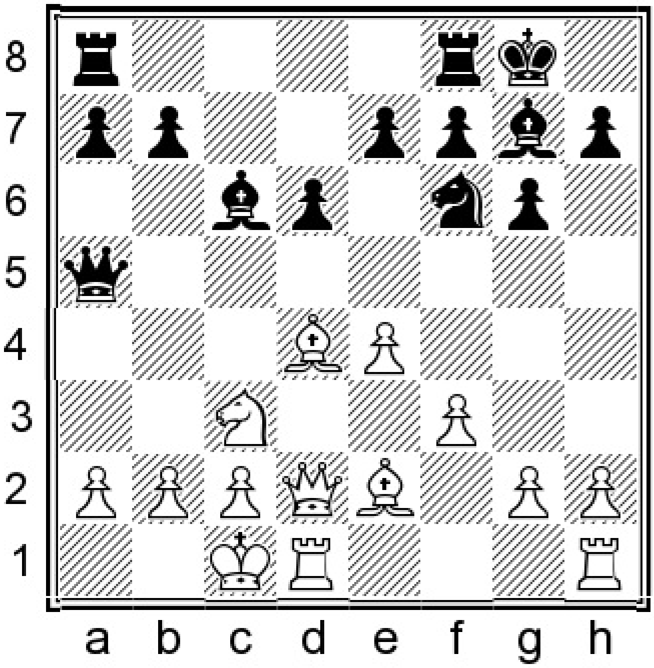
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♗d7 4.♗e2!?

4.♗xd7+ - 151/65

4...♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.d4 cxd4 7.♘xd4 g6 8.♗e3 ♗g7 9.♕d2 ♘xd4

9...♘g4 10.♗xg4 ♗xg4 11.♘d5!? O-O 12.O-O±

10.♗xd4 ♗c6 11.O-O-O O-O 12.f3 ♕a5



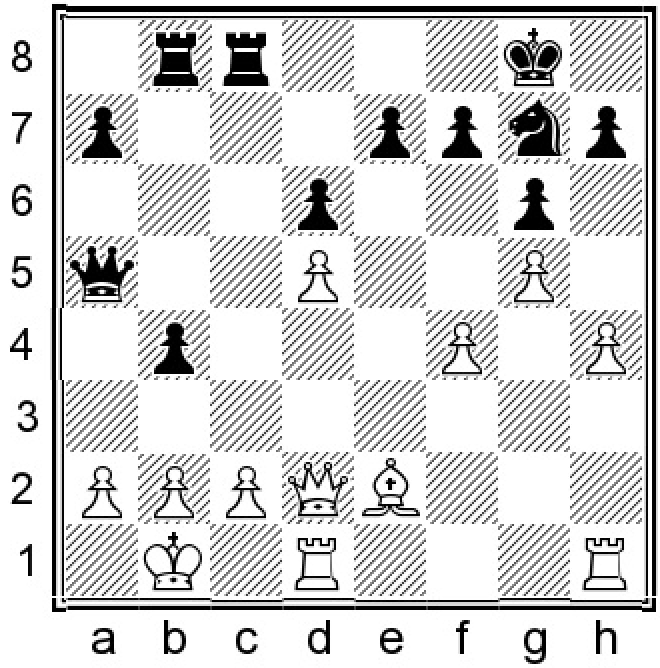
13.♔b1N

13.g4

13...♖fc8 14.g4 ♖ab8 15.g5

15.h4 b5 16.a3 h5! (16...b4!? 17.♘a2 ♘xe4 18.fxe4 ♗xe4 19.♘xb4 ♖xb4 20.axb4 ♖xc2 21.♕xc2 ♗xc2+ 22.♔xc2 ♕xb4 23.♗xg7 ♔xg7∞) 17.g5 b4 18.♘a2 (18.gxf6 bxc3 19.♗xc3 ♕xa3 20.fxg7 ♗a4 21.♕h6 ♖xb2+! 22.♗xb2 ♗xc2+ 23.♔c1 ♗xe4+ 24.♔d2 ♖c2+ 25.♔e1 ♖xe2+ 26.♔xe2 ♕xf3+ 27.♔e1 ♕xh1+=) 18...♘xe4 19.fxe4 ♗xe4 20.♘xb4 ♖xb4 21.axb4 ♕a4 22.♗d3 ♗xd3 23.♕xd3 ♗xd4 24.c3 (24.♕xd4 ♕xc2+ 25.♔a1 ♕a4+=) 24...♗e5∞

15...♘h5 16.♗xg7 ♘xg7 17.f4 b5 18.h4 b4 19.♘d5 ♗xd5 20.exd5



20.♕xd5 ♕xd5 21.♖xd5 ♘e6 22.♖f1 ♖c5∞

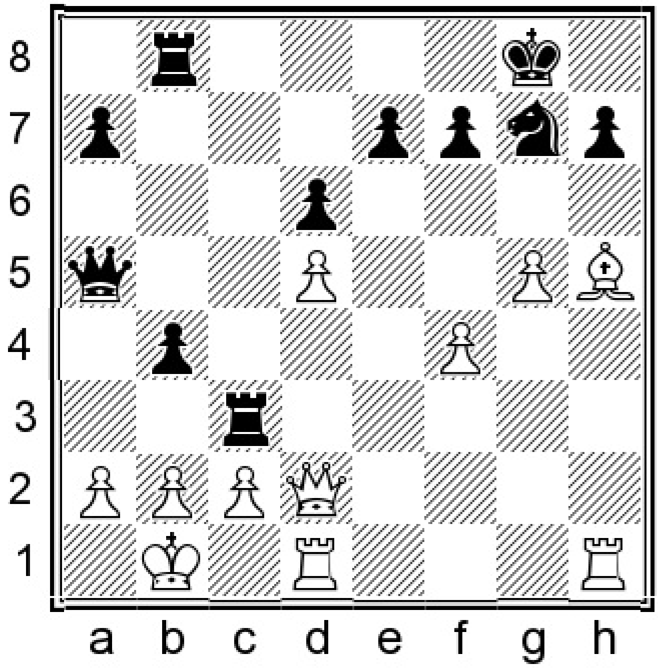
20...♖c3! 21.h5

21.f5 ♘xf5 22.h5 ♘e3 23.hxg6 fxg6 24.♕d4 (24.♖xh7 ♔xh7 25.♖h1+ ♔g8 26.♕d4 ♕xd5 27.♕h8+ ♔f7 28.♖h7+ ♔e6 29.♕xb8 ♖c5∞) 24...♘xd1 25.♕h4 h5□ 26.♗xd1 (26.♗xh5!? ♖c4! 27.♕xc4 ♘c3+ 28.♔c1 ♕xd5 29.♕xd5+ ♘xd5 30.♗xg6 ♘f4∞) 26...♕xd5 27.♗xh5 ♖c4 28.♗f3 ♕xf3 29.♕xc4+ d5 30.♕h4 ♕h5∞; 21.♗d3 ♘h5 22.f5 ♖a3 23.♗c4 ♖f3 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.♕e2 ♖f4∞

21...gxh5?

21...♘xh5! 22.♗xh5 (22.f5 ♖a3 23.♗c4 ♖g3 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.♗e2 ♖a3=) 22...♖a3! 23.♕d4 ♖xa2 24.b3 gxh5 25.♖xh5 ♖c8 26.♖xh7 ♖a1+ 27.♕xa1 ♕xa1+ 28.♔xa1 ♔xh7=

22.♗xh5?



22.b3! ♕a3 23.♗d3 ♖c5 24.♕e3 ♖a5 25.♕e4 ♕xa2+ 26.♔c1+-

22...♘xh5?

22...♖a3! 23.bxa3 bxa3+ 24.♔a1 (24.♔c1?? ♖b1+-+) 24...♖b1+! 25.♖xb1 ♕xd2 26.♖b8+ ♘e8 27.♖xe8+ ♔g7 28.♖b8 ♕xc2 29.♖b3 ♕c5∞

23.♖xh5 ♖a3 24.♔c1! ♖c3

24...♖xa2 25.♕d3 ♖a1+ 26.♔d2 b3+ 27.♔e2 ♔f8 28.♖xh7+-

25.♔b1

25.♕d4+-

25...♖a3 26.♔c1 ♖c3 27.♔b1 1/2-1/2

B75-B99

83. B80
Akopian, Vladimir (2620) - Novikov, Igor A (2547)
USA 153/83, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.♕d2 ♘bd7 9.g4 h6 10.O-O-O b4 11.♘ce2 ♕c7 12.h4 d5 13.♗h3 ♘e5?!

13...♘b6 - 116/73

14.♗f4! ♗d6?!

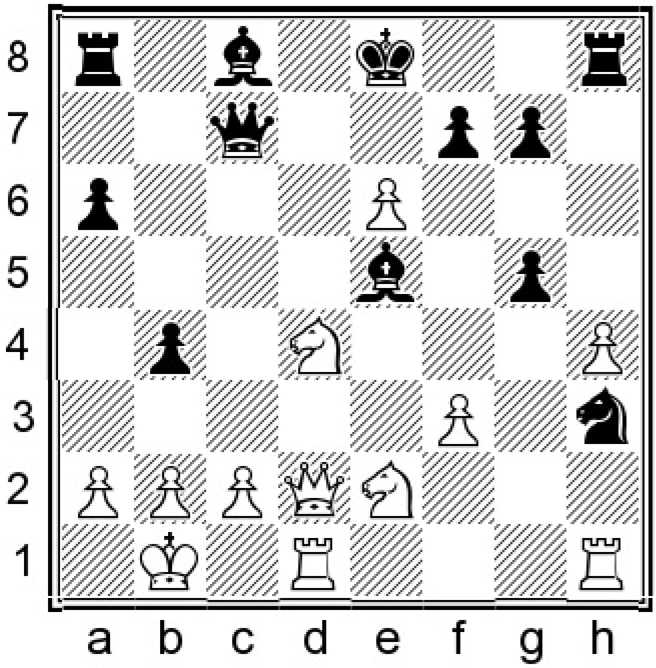
14...dxe4!? 15.g5

15.♗xe5 ♗xe5 16.g5 ♘h5

16...hxg5? 17.hxg5 ♘h5 18.♗g4 g6 19.exd5 exd5 20.♗xh5 ♖xh5 21.♖xh5 gxh5 22.f4 ♗d6 23.f5+-

17.exd5 ♘f4 18.dxe6 fxe6

18...hxg5 19.♔b1! (19.♘c6 ♗xe6 20.♗xe6 fxe6 21.♘xe5 ♕xe5 22.♖he1 ♖xh4±; 19.hxg5 ♖xh3 (19...♘xh3 20.♕xb4± →) 20.♖xh3 ♘xh3 21.♖h1 ♗xd4! 22.♕xd4 (22.♘xd4 ♕g3 23.♘f5 ♕xf3 24.♘xg7+ ♔f8 25.e7+ ♔xg7 26.e8=♕ ♕xh1+ 27.♕de1 ♕xe1+ 28.♕xe1 ♘xg5=) 22...♗xe6 23.♖xh3 ♗xh3 24.♕e4+ ♔f8 25.♕xa8+ ♗c8 26.f4±) 19...♘xh3



20.hxg5! ♗xe6 (20...♗b7 21.exf7+ ♔xf7 22.g6+ ♔f6 23.f4 ♗xh1 24.fxe5+ ♕xe5 25.♖xh1+-; 20...g6

21.♕e3!+-; 20...♗xd4 21.♕xd4 ♗xe6 22.♕xg7 ♖f8 23.g6 ♕e7 24.♖he1+-) 21.♘xe6 fxe6 22.f4 ♖d8 23.♕xd8+ ♕xd8 24.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 25.fxe5+-; 18...♘xh3 19.♖xh3 hxg5 20.♕xg5±

19.gxh6 ♖xh6 20.♗g4

20.♔b1!?

20...♖b8N

20...a5?! 21.♔b1+-

21.♔b1 ♖b6 22.♘xf4! ♗xf4 23.♕d3 ♔f7 24.h5

24.♖he1 ♖d6 25.h5 ♖f6 - 24.h5

24...♖f6

24...a5!?

25.♖he1 ♖d6 26.♕e2?!

26.a4!?

26...♗g3

⌓26...♗d7

27.♖g1 ♗f4 28.♘b3 ♗b7 29.♖xd6 ♕xd6 30.♖d1 ♗d5 31.♘d4

31.♘d2±

31...♕b6⩲ 32.♕d3 a5

32...♗e5!?

33.a4?!

33.♘e2

33...bxa3! 34.♕xa3 ♕b4= 35.♕d3 ♗e5 36.♕e3 ♗f4

36...♗d6=

37.♕e2!⩲ a4 38.♕a6 e5?!

38...♗e5 39.c3 ♕c4 40.♕xc4 ♗xc4 41.♘c6!⩲; 38...♗c7!?

39.♕a7+!± ♔g8

39...♕b7 40.♘c6 ♕xa7 41.♘xa7±

40.♘f5?

40.♕d7! ♕d6 41.♕e8+ ♕f8 (41...♖f8? 42.♘f5+-) 42.♕b5!±

40...♖f7□ 41.♕f2?

41.♕a6 ♖b7 42.b3 axb3 43.c4□ ♕xc4 44.♕xc4 ♗xc4 45.♘d6 ♗e2 46.♖d5 ♖b8 47.♔b2∓

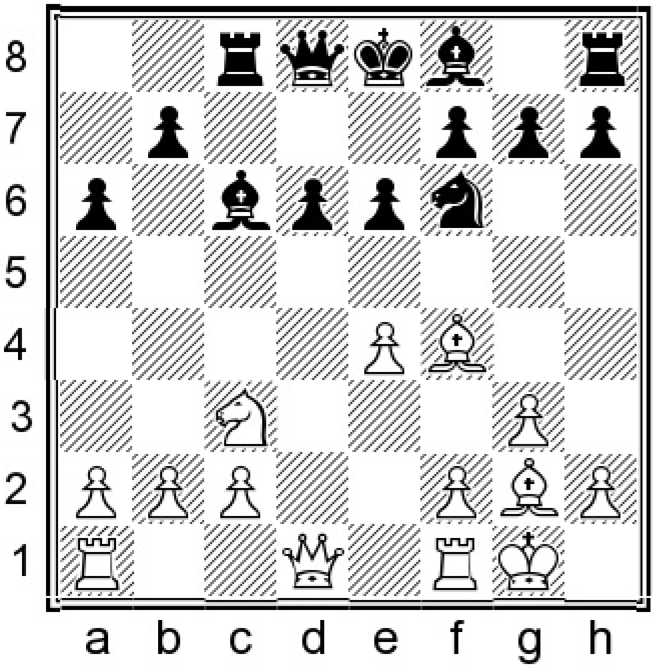
41...a3-+ 42.c3 ♕b3 43.♖xd5 ♕xd5 44.♕c2 axb2 45.♘h4 ♖a7 46.c4 ♖a1+ 0-1

84. B80
Adams, Michael (2690) - David, Alberto (2520)
Acqui Terme 153/84, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.g3 ♘c6 7.♗g2 ♗d7 8.O-O a6 9.♘xc6 ♗xc6 10.♗f4

10.a4 - 107/74

10...♖c8N



10...♕b6; 10...♕c7; 10...♗e7

11.♘d5! ♗xd5

11...exd5 12.exd5 ♘xd5 (12...♗b5 13.♖e1+ ♗e7 14.a4±) 13.♗xd5 ♗e7 14.♖e1 O-O 15.c3±; 11...h5!?; 11...♘d7!?

12.exd5 e5 13.♗e3 ♗e7 14.c4± O-O

14...♘d7!?

15.♕b3

15.c5!? dxc5 16.d6 ♗xd6 (16...♕xd6 17.♕xd6 ♗xd6 18.♗xb7 ♖b8 19.♗xa6 ♖xb2 20.♖fd1↑) 17.♗xb7 ♖b8 18.♗xa6 ♖xb2 19.a4 ♕c7 20.a5↑

15...♘g4 16.♗b6 ♕d7 17.♖ac1 ♔h8

17...f5? 18.c5+-; 17...h5!?

18.♗h3! f5 19.♗xg4 fxg4 20.♖c3

20.♗e3

20...♗d8

20...♖f3!?; 20...h6!?

21.c5?!

21.♗e3

21...♗xb6 22.♕xb6 dxc5 23.♖xc5 ♖xc5 24.♕xc5 ♖c8= 25.♕b4 ♕xd5 26.♕xg4 ♖d8 27.♖c1 h6 28.b3

28.♖c7 ♕d1+ 29.♕xd1 ♖xd1+ 30.♔g2 b5 31.♖c2 e4!?=

28...e4

28...b5=

29.♖e1 ♖e8 30.♕e2 e3!? 31.fxe3 ♕e4=∞ 32.♕g2 ♕b4

32...♕d3!? 33.♕f3 ♔g8

33.♕f2 ♖f8 34.♕e2 ♕e4

34...♖d8!?

35.♖d1

35.♕c4

35...♖f3 36.♖e1 ♖f5

36...b5=

37.♖c1 ♖f3

⌓37...b5=

38.♖c3 ♔h7?

38...♖f8

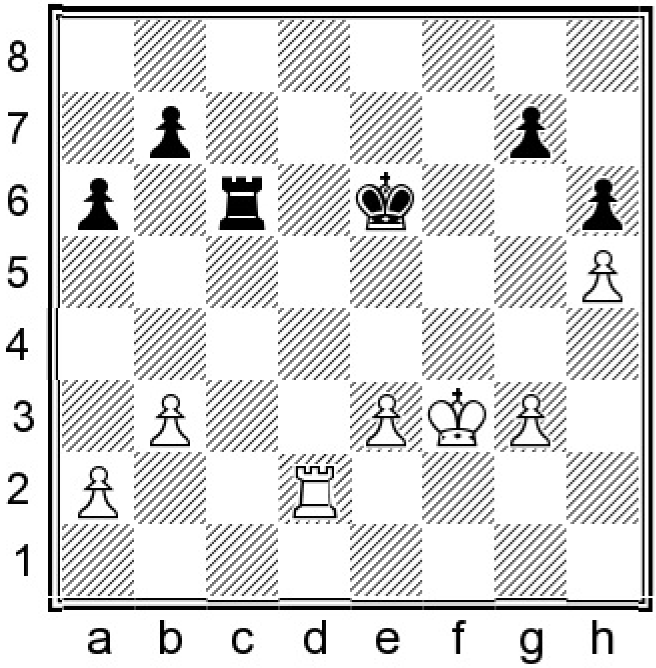
39.♕d3 ♕xd3 40.♖xd3 ♖f6 41.♔g2 ♖c6 42.♖d2 ♔g6?!

42...g5

43.♔f3+- ♔f6 44.h4?!

44.♖d7 ♖c2 45.a4 ♖xh2 46.♖xb7 a5 47.♖b6+ ♔f7 48.g4

44...♔e6 45.h5?!



45.♖d8

45...♖c5! 46.g4 ♖c1! 47.♖g2 ♔e5 48.♖d2 ♔e6 49.♖d4 b5! 50.a4 ♖c3?

50...♖b1±

51.♖b4 ♖c5 52.axb5 axb5 53.♖e4+ ♔f6 54.b4 ♖c1 55.♖f4+ ♔e6 56.♖f5+- ♖f1+ 57.♔e4 ♖g1 58.♖xb5 ♖xg4+ 59.♔d3 ♖h4

⌓59...♖g1

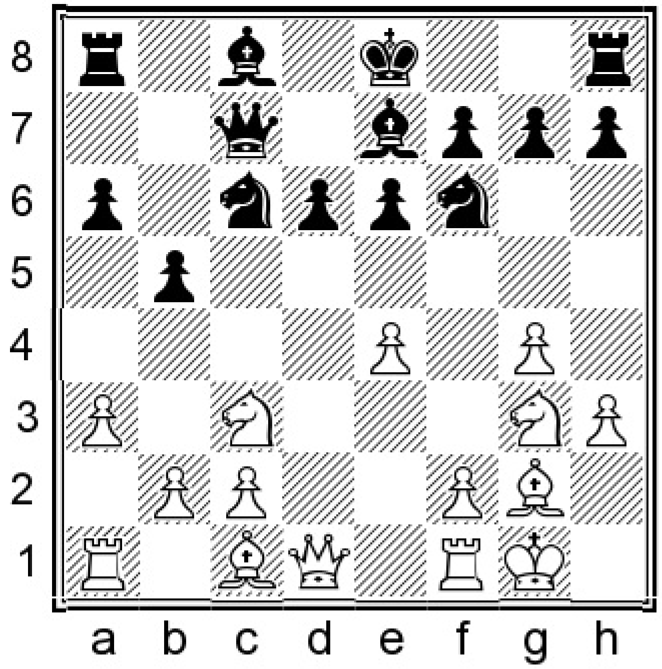
60.e4 ♖h1 61.♖d5 ♖d1+ 62.♔c4 ♖e1 63.♔d4 ♖d1+ 64.♔c5 ♖c1+ 65.♔b6 ♖c4 66.b5 ♖xe4 67.♔c6 1-0

85. B80
Edouard, Romain (2575) - Hamdouchi, Hicham (2536)
France 153/85, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.g3 d6 7.♗g2 ♗d7 8.♘de2 a6 9.O-O ♗e7 10.h3 b5 11.a3 ♕c7

11...O-O - 13/513

12.g4 ♗c8 13.♘g3



13...♗b7N

13...O-O

14.f4 ♘a5 15.♔h1

15.g5 ♘d7 16.f5 g6 (16...♘e5 17.♘ce2 g6 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.♘d4 ♗c8 20.♘ge2 ♘ec6 21.♘f4 ♘xd4 22.♕xd4 ♕a7 23.♕xa7 ♖xa7 24.♗e3 ♖b7 25.e5 d5 26.h4±) 17.♘ce2 (17.fxe6 fxe6 18.♕g4 O-O-O! 19.♕xe6 ♗xg5 20.♗xg5 ♕c5+ 21.♔h2 ♕xg5∞) 17...O-O-O (17...♘e5 - 16...Ne5) 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.♘f4 ♘f8=

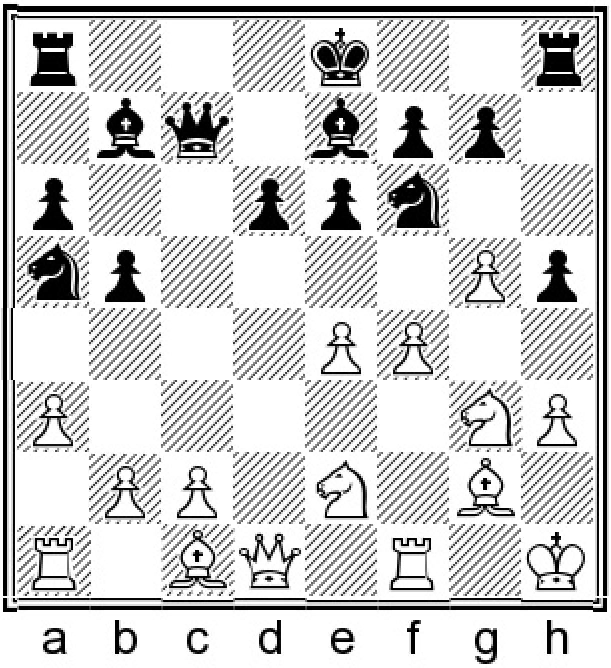
15...h6! 16.♘ce2

16.g5 ♘h7 17.g6 fxg6 18.♕g4 ♘f8 19.♘ge2 ♗f6∓

16...h5

⌓16...d5 17.e5 ♘e4∓

17.g5



17.gxh5 ♘xh5 (17...d5 18.e5 ♘xh5 19.♘xh5 ♖xh5 20.♘d4 g6=) 18.♘xh5 ♖xh5 19.f5 e5 (19...exf5 20.♘g3 ♖h7 21.♘xf5=) 20.♘g3∞

17...h4! 18.gxf6 ♗xf6

18...gxf6!?

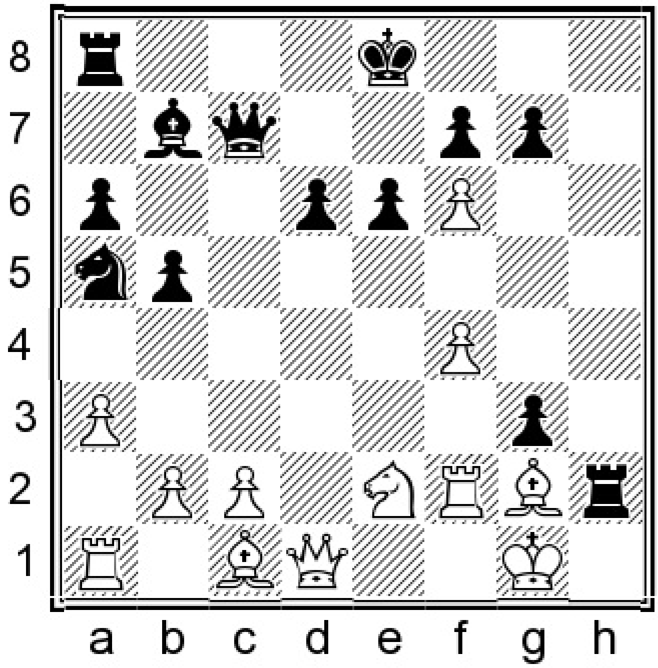
19.e5?

19.a4 hxg3 20.axb5 axb5 21.♘xg3 g6↑; 19.♘h5! ♖xh5 20.f5 exf5 21.♘f4 ♖h8 22.♘d5 ♗xd5 23.♕xd5 ♖c8 24.exf5 ♔f8∞

19...hxg3?

19...♗xg2+ 20.♔xg2 dxe5 21.♘e4 ♖d8 22.♕e1 (22.♗d2 ♘c4 23.♔h2 ♘xd2 24.♘xd2 exf4-+) 22...♕xc2-+

20.exf6 ♖xh3+ 21.♔g1 ♖h2 22.♖f2?



22.♖f3 ♗xf3 23.♗xf3 gxf6 24.♗e3∓

22...♕c5?

22...♖xg2+! 23.♖xg2 ♕c6 24.♕f1 ♕b6+-+

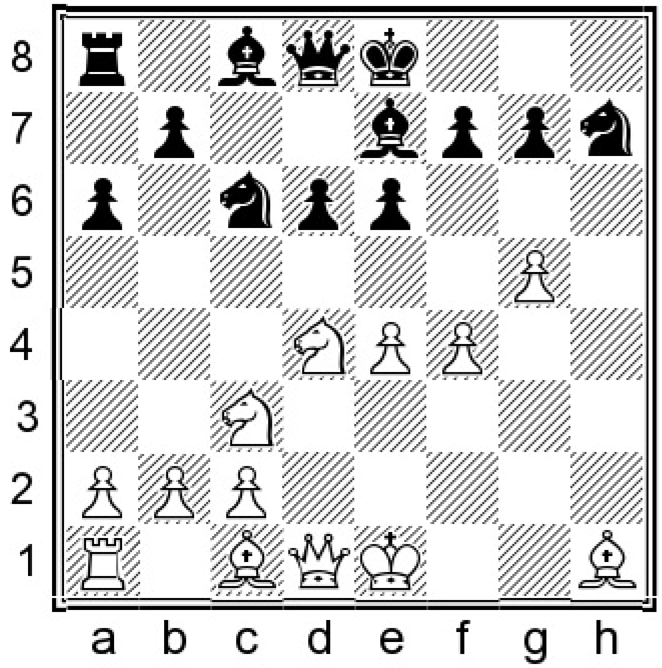
23.♘d4 ♖xg2+ 24.♖xg2 ♕d5 25.♕e2?!

25.♕d2 ♔d7∓

25...♕xd4+-+ 26.♗e3 ♕xf6 27.♖xg3 O-O-O 28.♖h3 ♘c4 29.♔h2 g5 30.♖f1 ♖h8 0-1

86. B81
Puranik, Abhimanyu Sameer (2608) - Mendonca, Leon Luke (2562)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/86, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 h6 8.♗g2 ♗e7 9.h4 ♘c6 10.g5 hxg5 11.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 12.♗xh1 ♘h7 13.f4



13.♘xc6 - 129/71

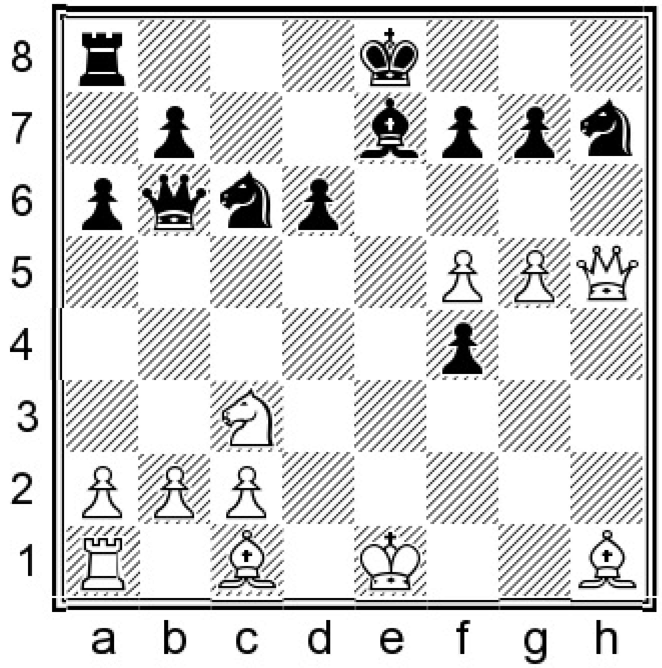
13...e5?!N

13...♘xd4 14.♕xd4 e5=

14.♘f5! ♗xf5

⌓14...g6 15.♘xe7 ♘xe7±

15.exf5 exf4 16.♕h5! ♕b6!



17.♕h2?!

17.♕xh7 ♕g1+ 18.♔e2 f3+ 19.♔xf3□ ♘d4+ 20.♔e4 ♘xc2 21.♔d3 (21.f6 d5+ 22.♔d3 ♕f2) 21...♘xa1 (21...♕f2 22.♗e3! ♘b4+ 23.♔d4 ♘c2+ 24.♔d3 ♘b4+=) 22.f6 ♕f1+=; 17.♔f1! ♘xg5 18.♗xf4 ♘e5 (18...♕xb2 19.♗xc6+! bxc6 20.♖e1+-) 19.♘d5 ♕b5+ 20.♕e2 ♕xe2+ 21.♔xe2±

17...O-O-O!

17...♘xg5 18.♘d5 ♕d4 19.♗xf4±

18.♘d5?!

18.♗xf4? ♕xb2-+; 18.♗d2 ♗xg5 19.O-O-O ♘f6∓; 18.f6!? gxf6 19.♗xf4∞

18...♕d4∓ 19.c3

19.♗xf4? ♗xg5 20.♔f1 ♕xb2-+; 19.f6? ♗xf6! 20.gxf6 ♖e8+ 21.♗e3 ♘xf6-+; 19.♗d2 ♗xg5 20.O-O-O ♘f6∓; 19.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 20.♕xf4 ♕g1+ 21.♕f1 ♕g3+ 22.♔d1 ♘xg5 23.♕g2 ♕xg2 24.♗xg2∓

19...♕e5+ 20.♔d1 ♘xg5?

20...f3 21.♕xe5 dxe5 22.♗xf3 ♗xg5∓; 20...♗xg5! 21.♕xh7 ♖e8-+

21.♗xf4 ♕xf5 22.♕g2?

22.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 23.♕g2 ♕d3+ 24.♔e1 ♖e8 25.♕xb7+ ♔d8 26.♕b6+ ♔d7 27.♕b7+ ♔d8=

22...♗f6-+ 23.♔d2

23.♕e2!?

23...♖e8 24.♖d1 ♘e6

24...♖e4!?

25.♗e3 ♘c5 26.♕f1 ♘e4+! 27.♗xe4 ♕xe4 28.♔c1 ♔b8 29.♕g1 ♗e5 30.♕f2 f5 31.♗b6 ♖c8 32.b3 f4 33.♔b2 f3

33...g5!?

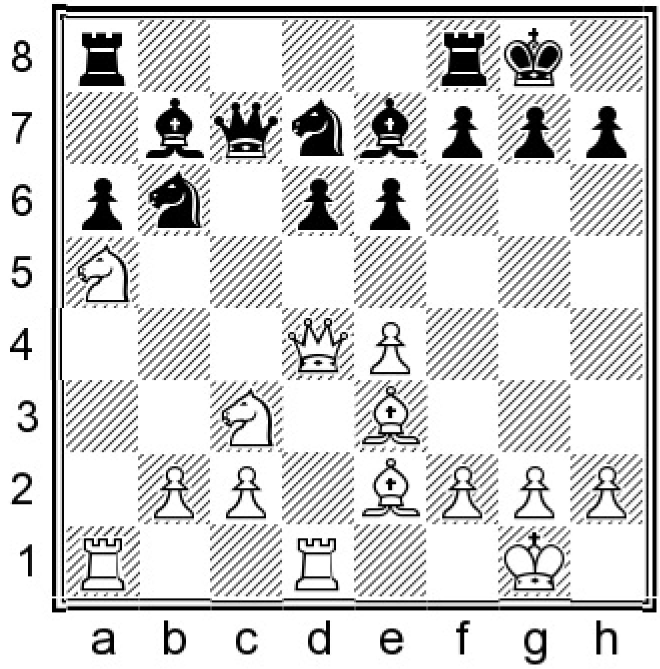
34.a4 g5 35.b4 ♘xb4 36.♗a7+ ♔a8 37.♘b6+ ♔xa7 38.♘xc8+ ♔b8 39.♔b3 ♘d3 40.♘xd6 ♘xf2 41.♘xe4 ♘xd1 0-1

87. B84
Tari, Aryan (2672) - Giri, Anish (2760)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/87, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.a4 e6 7.a5 ♗e7 8.♗e2 O-O 9.O-O ♕c7 10.♗e3 ♘bd7 11.♘b3 b5 12.axb6 ♘xb6 13.♕d4 ♘fd7 14.♖fd1 ♗b7

14...♖d8 - 56/258

15.♘a5



15...♖fc8N

15...♖fd8; 15...♗c8

16.♖a2± ♘c5

16...e5?! 17.♕b4 ♘c5 (17...♔f8?! 18.♗xb6 ♘xb6 19.♘xb7 ♕xb7 20.♘d5 ♖cb8 21.♘xe7 ♕xe7 22.♕xd6+-) 18.♘d5 ♗xd5 19.exd5 f5 20.♕e1±

17.♘xb7

17.f3!?

17...♕xb7 18.♖da1

18.e5 d5 (18...dxe5 19.♕xe5 ♗f6 20.♕d6 ♖c6 21.♕d2±) 19.♖da1 ♕c7∞

18...♘bd7 19.f3 h6

19...♖cb8!?

20.♔h1

20.♘d1!? ♘e5 21.♕d2±

20...♖c6

20...♘e5!?

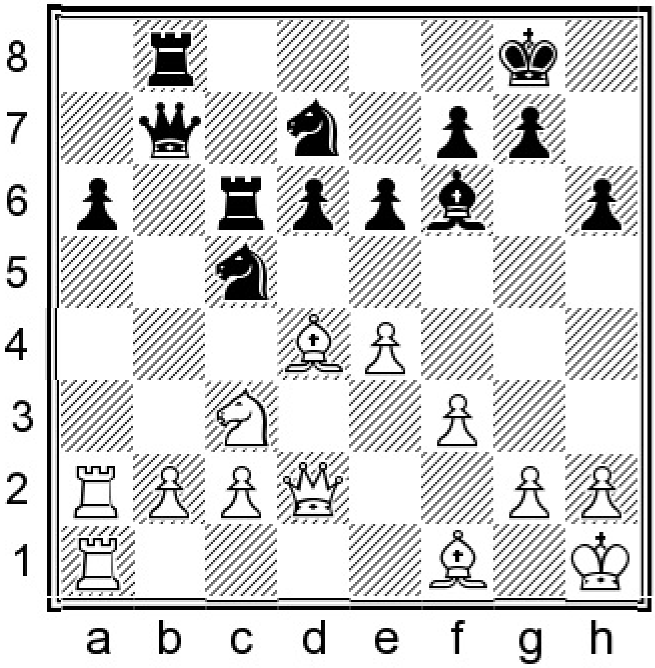
21.♕d2 ♖b8

21...♖b6!?

22.♗f1

22.♖b1!?

22...♗f6 23.♗d4?!



23.♘d1±

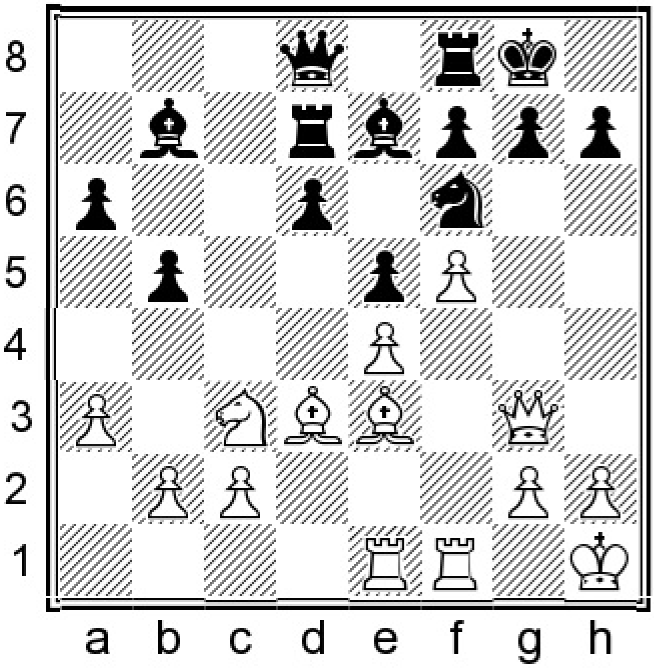
23...♕b4! 24.♗xf6 ♘xf6 25.♕f2 ♕b6= 26.♕d2 ♕b4 27.♕f2 ♕b6 28.♕d2 ♕b4 1/2-1/2

88. B85
Kaidanov, Gregory S (2557) - David, Alberto (2520)
Acqui Terme 153/88, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e2 a6 7.O-O ♘f6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.f4 d6 10.♔h1 O-O 11.♕e1 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.a3 ♗b7 14.♕g3 ♖ad8 15.♖ae1 ♖d7 16.♗d3 ♕d8 17.f5

17.♕h3 - 135/76

17...e5 18.♗e3



18...♔h8N

18...g6

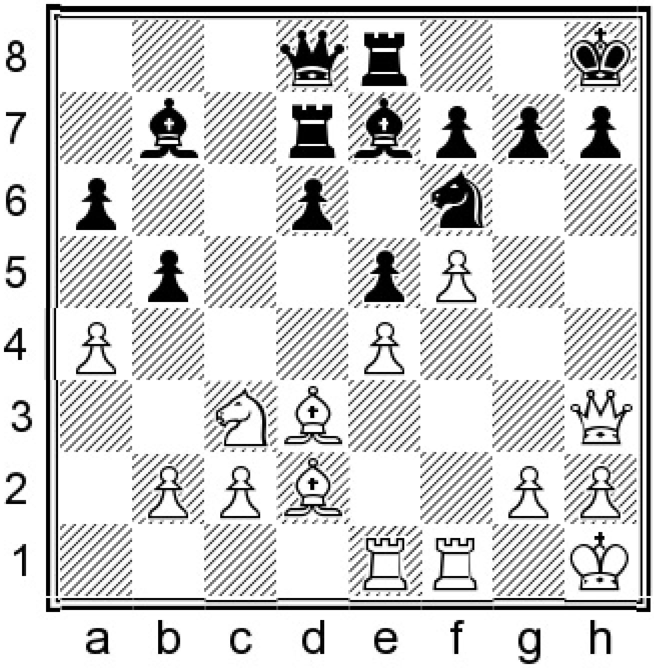
19.♕h3 ♖e8 20.♗g5

20.a4

20...♘g8

20...♖c7!?

21.♗d2 ♘f6 22.a4?!



22.♘d5

22...b4?!

22...bxa4! 23.♘d5 (23.♘xa4?! d5 24.exd5 e4! 25.♗c4 (25.♗e2 ♘xd5∓) 25...♘xd5 26.♘c3 ♘xc3 27.♗xc3 ♗f6∓; 23.♗g5 a3 24.bxa3 ♕a5∓) 23...♗c6↑

23.♘d5 ♗xd5

23...♘xd5 24.exd5 ♗f6 25.♗e4±

24.exd5 ♕a5 25.♗c4± ♖c7 26.♕d3?!

26.b3±; 26.♗b3!?

26...e4?!

26...♕xa4 27.b3 ♕d7 28.♗xb4 ♖b8 29.♗d2 ♗d8!∞

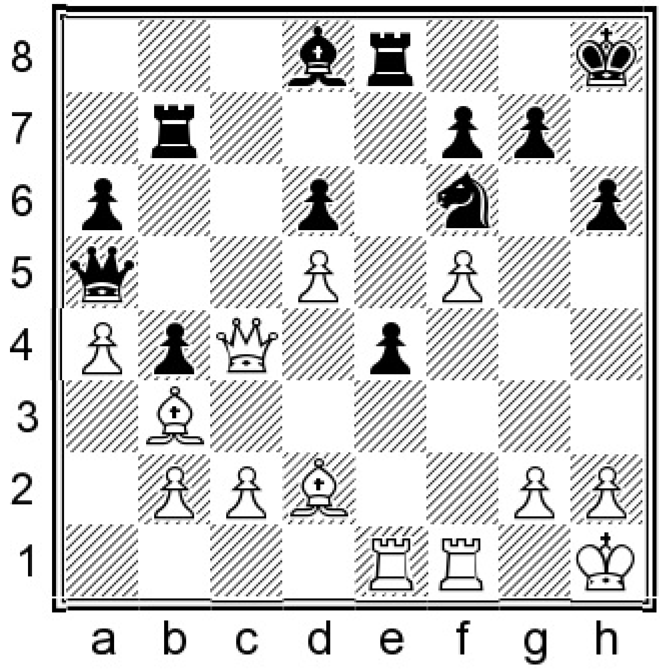
27.♕d4 ♗d8

27...♕xa4 28.b3 ♕d7 29.♗xb4 ♗d8 (29...♖b8?! 30.♗c3±) 30.♗c3±

28.♗b3

28.b3!?

28...♖b7 29.♕c4! h6



29...♖b8 30.♗f4 ♗c7 31.♗g5±

30.♖e2

30.g4!±

30...♔h7?!

30...♔g8; 30...♖b8

31.g3

31.g4!

31...♖ee7

⌓31...♖b8

32.♗f4

32.g4

32...♖ec7

⌓32...♖bc7

33.♕d4 ♖d7 34.♗d2?!

34.♖g2!?

34...♖e7 35.♔g2 ♖ec7

35...e3!? 36.♗xe3 ♗b6 37.♕d3 ♖xe3 38.♖xe3 ♗xe3 39.♕xe3 ♕d8 40.♖e1 a5⯹; 35...♖e5∞

36.♗f4 ♖d7 37.♗d2 ♖b8

37...♖e7=

38.h3 ♖c7 39.♗f4

39.g4!?

39...♖d7 40.♗d2 ♖c7 41.♗f4 ♖d7 1/2-1/2

89. B85
Sargissyan, Sargis (2269) - Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2650)
Jermuk 153/89, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘d4 4.♘f3 e6 5.O-O a6 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.♗e2 ♘f6 8.d4 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♕c7 10.♗e3 ♗e7 11.f4 d6 12.♕e1 O-O 13.a4 ♘a5 14.♖d1 b6

14...♘c4 - 42/(286)

15.♗f3N

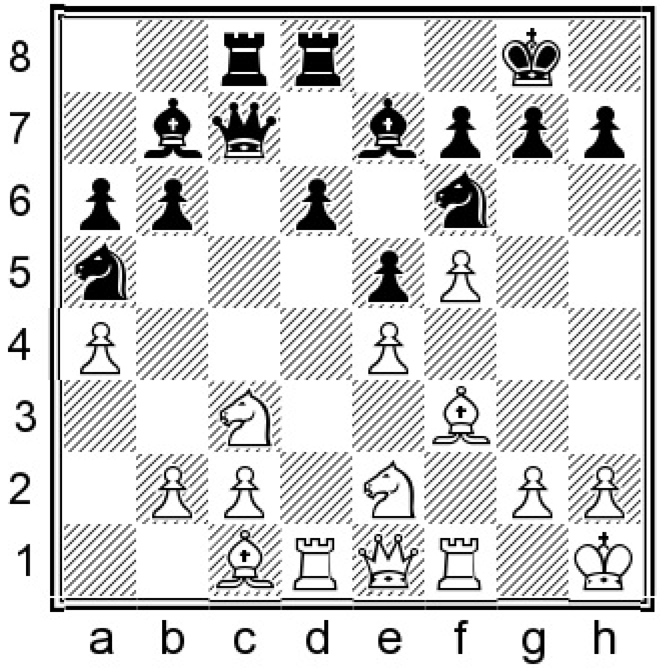
15.♕f2; 15.♕g3

15...♗b7 16.♗c1

16.g4!?

16...♖fd8 17.♔h1 ♖ac8 18.g4

18.f5 e5 19.♘de2



19...♘c4!? 20.♕g3 (20.b3 d5 21.♘xd5 (21.exd5 ♘d6 22.♗g5 ♕c5∞) 21...♗xd5 22.exd5 e4 23.bxc4 exf3 24.♖xf3 ♕xc4 25.d6 ♗xd6 26.♖c3 ♕b4 27.♗a3 ♕xc3 28.♘xc3 ♖e8! 29.♕f2 ♗xa3 30.♕f3 ♗c5=) 20...♕c5=

18...♘c6

18...d5 19.exd5 ♗c5 20.f5 (20.♘xe6 fxe6 21.g5 exd5 (21...♘e8 22.♕xe6+ ♕f7 23.♕h3 ♘d6∞) 22.gxf6 d4∞) 20...♗xd4 21.♖xd4 ♘xd5 22.fxe6 ♘xc3 23.♕xc3 ♖xd4 24.♕xd4 ♗xf3+ 25.♖xf3 fxe6=

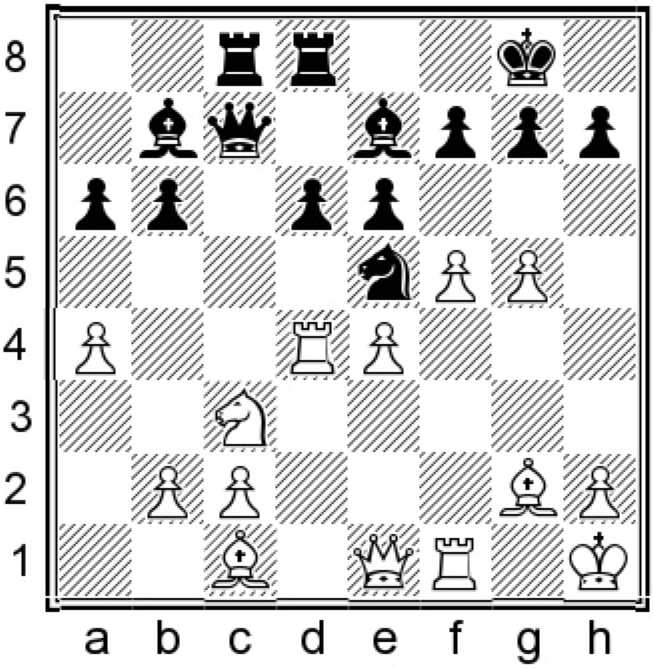
19.g5 ♘xd4 20.♖xd4 ♘d7 21.f5

21.♗e3!?

21...♘e5

21...exf5 22.exf5 ♗xf3+ 23.♖xf3 ♖e8∞

22.♗g2



22...b5

22...♕c5!?; 22...♖e8!?

23.fxe6 fxe6 24.♗h3 ♕d7 25.♘d5!? ♖xc2 26.♘f4 ♔h8 27.♗xe6 ♕c7 28.♘d5

28.♗b3 ♖f8 29.♗xc2 ♕xc2 30.axb5 axb5 31.♖f2 ♕b1 32.♗d2 ♕xe1+ 33.♗xe1 ♘g4 34.♖f3 ♘e5 35.♖f2=

28...♗xd5

⌓28...♘f3 29.♖xf3 ♖xc1 30.♖d1 ♖xd1 31.♕xd1 ♕c4∓

29.exd5 ♘f3 30.♖xf3 ♖xc1 31.♖d1 ♖xd1 32.♕xd1 ♗xg5 33.♕f1 ♕c1 34.♕xc1 ♗xc1 35.axb5 axb5 36.b3 b4 37.♖f7 g6 38.♖c7= ♗f4 39.♔g2 ♖a8 40.♖c8+ ♖xc8 41.♗xc8 ♔g7 42.h3 ♔f6 43.♔f3 ♔e5 44.♗a6 ♗c1 45.♗b7 ♔d4 46.♗c6 ♔c3 47.♗a4 ♗g5 48.♔g4 ♗f6 49.♔f3 ♗e5 50.♔e3 ♗h2 51.♔f3 ♔d4 52.♗c6 ♗e5 53.♔g2 ♔e4 54.♗b7 ♗f6 55.♗c6 ♗h4 56.♗b7 ♔d4 57.♗c6 ♔e4 58.♗b7 h5 59.♗c6 ♗e1 60.♗b7 ♔d4 61.♗c6 ♗d2 62.♔f3 ♗h6 63.♔g2 g5 64.♔f3 ♗g7 65.♔g2 ♗e5 66.♔f3 ♔c3 67.♗a4 ♔c2 68.♔g2 g4 69.hxg4 hxg4 70.♔f2 ♔c3 71.♔g2 ♔d4 72.♗c6 ♔e4 73.♗b7 ♗f4 74.♗c6 ♔d3 75.♗b5+ ♔c3 76.♗a4 g3 77.♔f3 ♗e5 78.♔g2 ♔d4 79.♗c6 ♔e4 80.♗b7 ♔d3 81.♗c6 ♔d4 82.♔f3 ♗f4 83.♔g2 ♔e4 84.♗b7 ♔e3 85.♗c6 ♔d2 86.♗b5 1/2-1/2

90. B87
Amonatov, Farrukh (2622) - Savchenko, Boris (2524)
Bhubaneswar 153/90, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 a6 6.♗c4 e6 7.♗b3 b5 8.O-O b4 9.♘a4 ♘xe4 10.f4 g6 11.f5 gxf5 12.♘xf5 ♖g8

12...♗b7 - 13/502

13.♗d5 ♖a7 14.♗xe4

14.♗e3!?

14...exf5 15.♗xf5 ♖e7 16.♗xc8

16.c3!? ♗b7 17.♗h3 ♖g6 18.♗f4↑

16...♕xc8 17.♗f4

17.♖f2!?

17...♕c6 18.♕f3 ♕xa4

18...♖g6!?

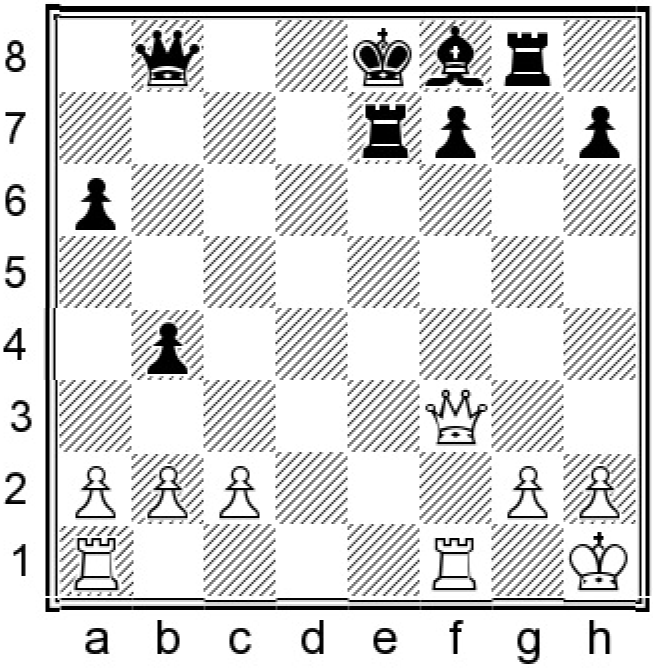
19.♗xd6 ♕c6□ 20.♗xb8

20.♗xe7 ♕xf3 21.♖xf3 ♗xe7 22.c3 ♘c6=

20...♕b6+

20...♕xf3 21.♖xf3 ♖e2 22.♗g3 ♗c5+ 23.♗f2 ♖xc2=

21.♔h1 ♕xb8



22.♖ae1N

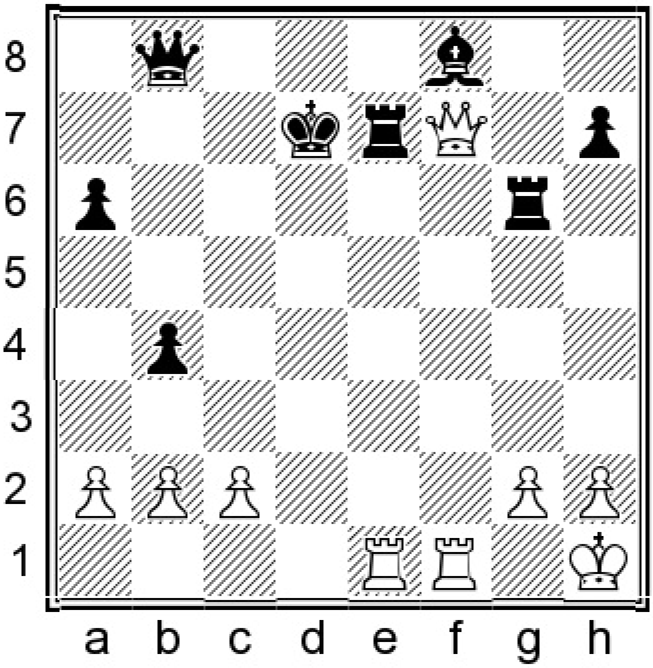
22.♕c6+? ♖d7 23.♖ae1+ ♗e7 24.♖xf7?! ♔xf7 25.♕e6+ ♔f8 26.♕xd7 (26.♖f1+ ♔g7 27.♖f7+ ♔h8 28.♕xd7 ♖d8 29.♖xh7+ ♔xh7 30.♕xe7+ ♔g6 31.♕e6+ ♔g5-+) 26...♕d6 27.♕b7 ♖g6-+

22...♖g6?

22...♖xe1?? 23.♕xf7+ ♔d8 24.♖xe1+-; 22...♔d8 23.♖xe7 ♗xe7 24.♕d5+! ♔c7 25.♕e5+ ♔d7

26.♕f5+ ♔c6 27.♕e4+ ♔d7=

23.♕xf7+ ♔d7



24.♖d1+!

24.♕d5+ ♖d6 25.♕f5+ ♔c7 26.♕c5+ ♔d7 27.♕f5+=

24...♖d6?!

24...♔c6 25.♕xf8 ♕xf8 26.♖xf8 ♖e2 27.g3 ♔b6 28.♖df1±

25.♖xd6+ ♔xd6 26.♖f6+! ♔e5

26...♔d7 27.♕d5+ ♔e8 28.♕h5++-; 26...♔c5 27.♕h5+ ♖e5 28.♖xf8! ♖xh5 29.♖xb8 ♖e5 30.h4+-

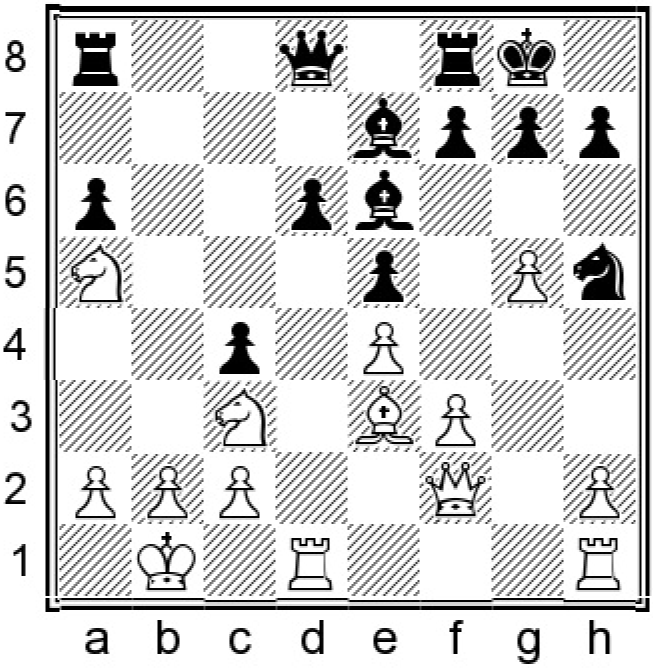
27.♖f5+ ♔d6 28.♖f6+ ♔e5 29.♕xf8 ♕xf8 30.♖xf8 ♖d7 31.h3+- ♖d1+ 32.♔h2 ♖b1 33.b3 ♖b2 34.♖b8 ♖xc2 35.♖xb4 ♖xa2 36.♖h4 ♖b2 37.b4 ♔f5 38.♖xh7 ♖xb4 39.♖h5+ ♔g6 40.♖a5 ♖b6 41.h4 ♔f6 42.♔h3 ♖b3+ 43.g3 ♖b6 44.♖a3 ♔e5 45.♔g4 ♔f6 46.♖a5 ♖b4+ 47.♔h3 ♖b6 48.♖a4 ♖c6 49.g4 ♖c3+ 50.♔g2 ♖c6 51.♔g3 a5 52.♖xa5 ♖c3+ 53.♔g2 ♖c2+ 54.♔f3 ♖c3+ 55.♔f2 ♖c2+ 56.♔e3 ♖c3+ 57.♔d4 ♖g3 58.♖f5+ ♔g7 59.♖f4 ♔g6 60.♔e5 ♖e3+ 61.♖e4 ♖h3 62.g5 ♔h5 63.♖f4 ♖a3 64.♔f6 ♖a7 65.♖f5 ♖b7 66.♖e5 ♖b8 67.♔f7 ♖a8 68.♖e8 ♖a7+ 69.♖e7 ♖a8 70.g6 ♔h6 71.g7 ♔h7 72.h5 1-0

91. B90
Caruana, Fabiano (2783) - Yilmaz, Mustafa Enes (2634)
Chennai (ol) 153/91, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 ♘h5 13.♔b1 ♘b6 14.♕f2

14.♘a5 - 151/91

14...♘c4 15.♗xc4 bxc4 16.♘a5



16...♖c8N

16...♗xg5 17.♗xg5 ♕xa5 18.♗e7 (18.♖xd6? ♖ab8 19.♘d5 c3!∓) 18...♖fe8 19.♗xd6 ♘f4 20.♖d2 f6 21.♖hd1 ♖ed8∞; 16...♕c7!? 17.♘d5 (17.♗b6?! ♕d7 18.h4 (18.♘d5 ♗xd5 19.exd5 ♗xg5 20.♘xc4 ♖ab8∓) 18...♖ab8 19.♗a7 ♘f4! 20.♗xb8 ♖xb8 21.♖d5 ♕c7 22.♖hd1 f6 23.gxf6 ♗xf6∓) 17...♗xd5 18.♖xd5 ♖ab8 19.♖hd1 ♖fc8 20.b3 (20.♗a7 ♘f4 21.♗xb8 ♖xb8 22.h4 ♘xd5 23.♖xd5 ♖b5∓) 20...♖b5 21.♖xb5 axb5 22.b4 d5! 23.♗b6 ♕b8 24.exd5 (24.♗a7 ♕c7 25.♗b6 ♕b8=) 24...♗xb4 25.♗a7 ♕c7 26.♘c6 ♗d6 27.♗b6 ♕d7∞

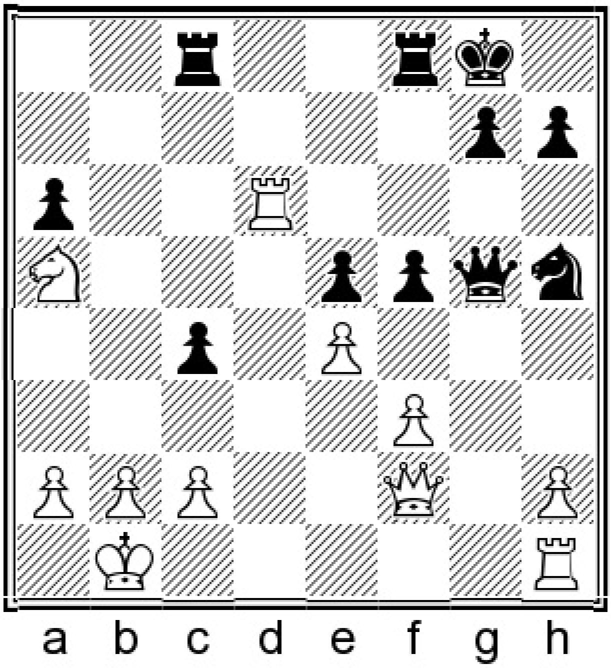
17.♘d5 ♗xd5 18.♖xd5 ♗xg5?!

18...♕c7 19.c3 f6 20.h4 ♖b8 21.a4 fxg5 22.hxg5 g6∞

19.♗xg5

19.♘b7 ♗xe3 20.♕xe3 ♕c7 21.♘xd6 ♘f4 22.♘xc8 ♘xd5 23.exd5 ♖xc8 24.♖e1 ♖d8 25.♖d1 (25.♕xe5 ♕xe5 26.♖xe5 f6 27.♖e4 ♖xd5 28.♔c1 c3 29.bxc3 ♖h5=) 25...♕d6 26.♕c3 ♖c8 27.b3±

19...♕xg5 20.♖xd6 f5



20...♘f4 21.♘c6 ♔h8 22.h4±

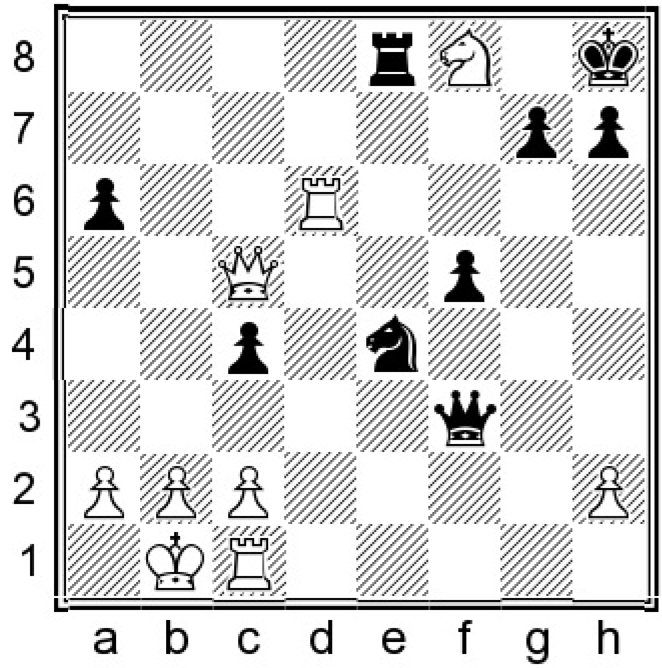
21.♘c6! ♖ce8

21...fxe4 22.♖g1 ♖xc6 (22...♖xf3? 23.♕e1+-) 23.♖xc6 (23.♖xg5 ♖xd6 24.c3 ♘f4 25.♕f1 ♘e6 26.♖g3 ♖d3 27.♕h3 ♘f4 28.♕g4 g6 29.fxe4 ♖d2∞) 23...♕f5 24.♕e3 ♕xf3 25.♕h6 ♔h8 26.♕d6 e3 (26...♕f1+ 27.♕d1±) 27.♖c1 e2 28.♖c5 ♕f6 (28...♕f1 29.♖xe5 ♕xc1+ 30.♔xc1 ♖f1+ 31.♔d2 ♖d1+ 32.♔xe2+-) 29.♕xe5±

22.♕c5 ♔h8

22...fxe4 23.♕xc4+ ♔h8 24.fxe4+-

23.♘xe5 ♕f4 24.♘d7 ♕xf3 25.♖c1+- ♘f6 26.♘xf8 ♘xe4



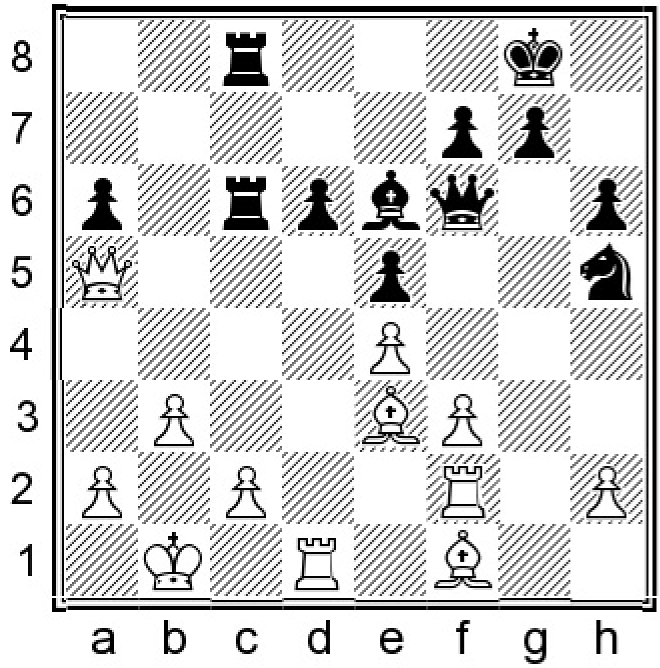
27.♖e6! ♖b8 28.♕e5 1-0

92. B90
Caruana, Fabiano (2783) - Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701)
Chennai (ol) 153/92, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3 ♘bd7 9.g4 ♗e7 10.♕d2 O-O 11.O-O-O b5 12.g5 b4 13.gxf6 bxc3 14.♕xc3 ♘xf6 15.♘a5 ♖c8 16.♘c6 ♕e8 17.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 18.♕a5 ♖c6 19.♖g1 ♖fc8 20.♔b1 ♘h5 21.♖g2 ♕f6 22.♖f2 ♕h4

22...h6 - 133/91

23.♖fd2 h6 24.b3 ♕f6 25.♖f2



25...♕h4N

25...♘f4 26.c4 ♔h7 27.♔a1 (27.♕b4 ♘h3 28.♗xh3 ♗xh3 29.♔b2±) 27...♘g6 28.♗d3 ♘f4 29.♗c2±

26.♕e1 ♘f4 27.c4± f5

27...♖b8 28.♔a1 ♕e7 29.♕c3±

28.♗xf4 ♕xf4

28...exf4?! 29.exf5 ♗xf5+ 30.♗d3 ♕f6 31.♗xf5 ♕xf5+ 32.♔b2 ♕e5+ 33.♕xe5 (33.♕c3±) 33...dxe5 34.♖e2±

29.♗d3 ♖f8 30.♔b2 ♕h4

30...♕g5 31.exf5 ♗xf5 32.♗e4 ♗xe4 33.♕xe4 ♖b6 34.♖fd2 ♕f6 35.♖d3±

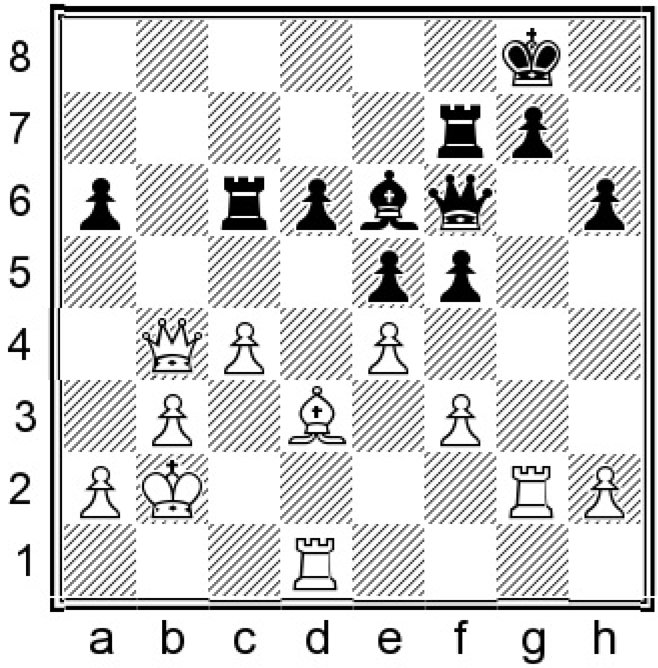
31.♖g2

31.exf5 ♗xf5 32.♗xf5 ♖xf5 33.♕e3 ♖f4 (33...e4 34.♖df1±) 34.a4±

31...♕f6

⌓31...♕xe1 32.♖xe1 f4 33.♖eg1 (33.h4 ♗f7 34.♖eg1 g6?!) 33...g5 34.h4 g4 35.fxg4 f3 36.♖f2 ♖f4 37.g5±

32.♕b4 ♖f7



33.♗c2! ♕d8 34.♖g6 ♖f6 35.♖xf6 gxf6

35...♕xf6 36.♕b7 ♖c8 37.♖xd6+-

36.exf5 ♗xc4 37.♕d2 ♕b6 38.♕xh6+-

38.♗e4 d5 39.♗xd5+ ♗xd5 40.♕xd5+ ♔f8 41.♖d2+-

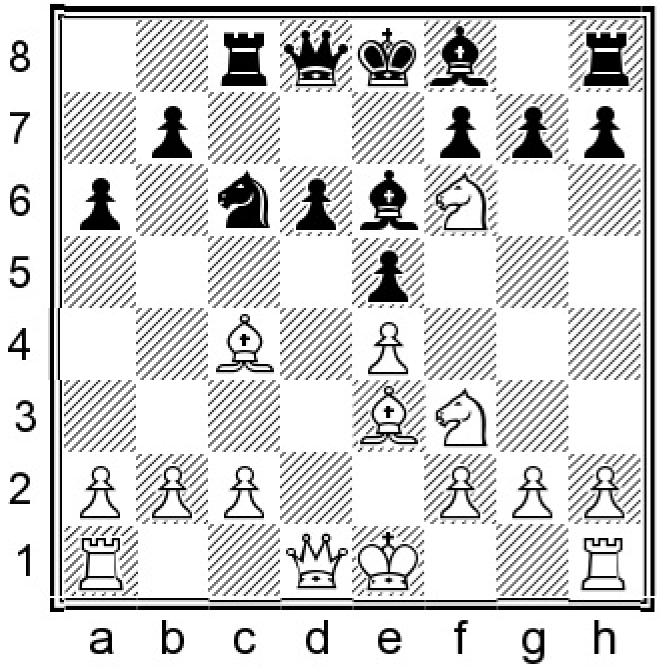
38...d5 39.♕g6+ ♔f8 40.♖g1 d4 41.♕g7+ ♔e8 42.♕h8+ ♔e7 43.♖g7+ ♗f7 44.♕h5 ♖xc2+ 45.♔xc2 d3+ 46.♔d1 ♕g1+ 47.♖xg1 ♗xh5 48.♔d2 1-0

93. B90
Nakamura, Hikaru (2760) - Firouzja, Alireza (2793)
Madrid (ct) 153/93, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘f3 ♘c6 8.♗c4 ♗e6 9.♘d5

9.♗b3 - 120/89

9...♖c8 10.♘xf6+



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10...gxf6N

10...♕xf6 11.♗xe6 ♕xe6 (11...fxe6 12.O-O ♕g6 13.♘d2 ♗e7 14.c4 O-O 15.♖c1±) 12.O-O ♗e7 13.♘d2 O-O (13...d5 14.exd5 ♕xd5 15.♕g4 O-O 16.♗h6 ♗f6 17.♘e4 ♕e6 18.♕xe6 fxe6 19.♗e3±) 14.c4 g6 15.♖c1 f5 16.f3 b5∞

11.♗b3 ♘e7

11...♘a5 12.♗xe6 (12.♗d5 ♖g8 (12...♕c7 13.O-O ♕xc2 14.♕e1 ♗xd5 15.exd5 ♘c4 16.♖c1 ♕xb2 17.♕d1 b5 18.♘h4±) 13.O-O ♕d7 14.g3 ♘c4∞) 12...fxe6 13.c3 ♘c4 14.♕e2 ♘xe3 15.♕xe3±

12.O-O ♗xb3 13.axb3 d5 14.exd5 ♕xd5 15.♕e2 ♘f5 16.♖fd1 ♕c6 17.c4 ♗g7

17...♗e7 18.♖d5 ♖d8 19.♖ad1 ♖xd5 20.♖xd5±

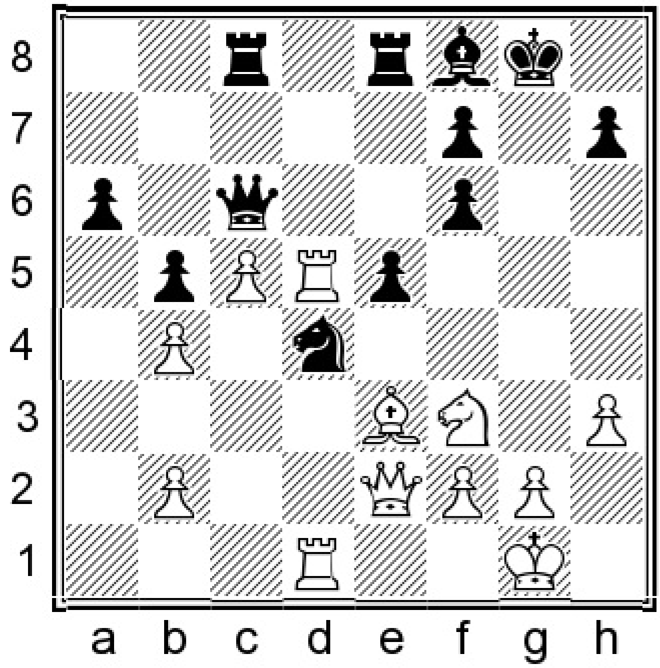
18.♖d5± O-O 19.♖ad1 ♖fe8 20.h3 b5 21.c5

21.♗c5 bxc4 22.bxc4 a5 23.b3±

21...♗f8?!

21...a5 22.♕c2 ♕e6 23.♕e4 ♘e7 24.♖d6 ♕xb3 25.♘h4 ♕c4 (25...♕xb2? 26.♘f5 ♘xf5 27.♕xf5±) 26.♕xc4 bxc4 27.♖c1 f5 28.♖xc4 f4 29.♗d2±

22.b4 ♘d4



23.♘xd4! ♕xd5 24.♘f5

24.♕g4+ ♔h8 25.♘f5 ♕c4 26.♕f3 ♕e6 27.♘d6+-

24...♕e4 25.♕h5 ♖ed8 26.♖a1 ♖c6 27.♗h6 ♔h8

27...♗xh6 28.♘xh6+ ♔g7 29.♖a3+-

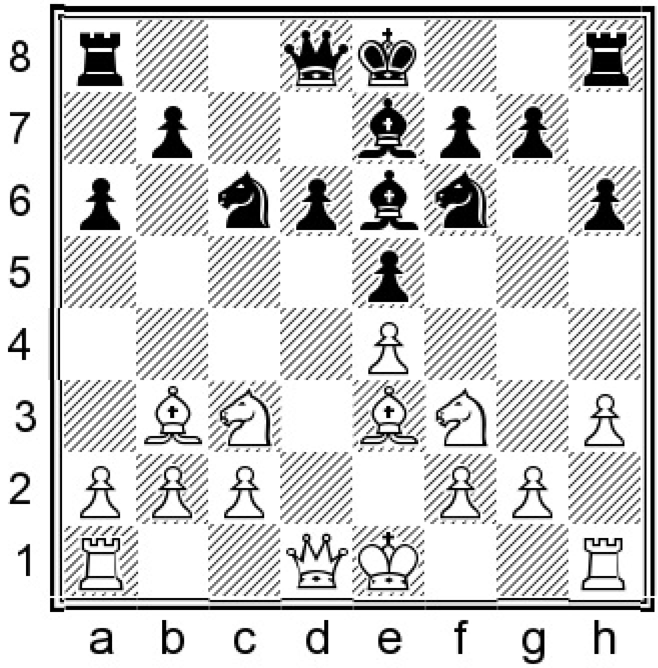
28.♖a3!+- ♕xb4 29.♗xf8 ♖xf8 30.♕h6 ♖g8 31.♖g3 ♖xg3 32.fxg3 1-0

94. B90
Nakamura, Hikaru (2760) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2750)
Madrid (ct) 153/94, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘f3 ♗e7 8.h3

8.♗c4 - 147/(75)

8...h6 9.♗c4 ♗e6 10.♗b3 ♘c6



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11.♘d5 ♗xd5 12.♗xd5 (12.exd5 ♘a5 13.O-O O-O 14.c3 ♘xb3 15.axb3 ♖c8∞) 12...O-O (12...♘xd5 13.♕xd5 ♕a5+ 14.♕xa5 ♘xa5 15.b3 b5) 13.c3 ♕a5 14.b4 ♕c7 15.O-O ♗d8∞

11...♘a5

11...O-O 12.♘f5 (12.♘g6 ♗xb3 13.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 14.axb3 d5 15.exd5 ♘exd5=; 12.O-O ♖c8=) 12...♗xf5 13.exf5 ♘a5 14.♘d5 ♘xb3 15.axb3 ♖c8 16.c3 ♘xd5 17.♕xd5 ♗g5∞

12.♗xe6 fxe6 13.♘g6 ♖g8 14.O-O

14.♘xe7 ♕xe7 15.O-O ♖c8 16.♕d3 ♔f7 17.♖ad1 ♖c6∞

14...♘c4

⌓14...♖c8 15.f4 (15.♕e2 ♘c4 16.♘d1 ♔f7 17.♘xe7 ♕xe7 18.♗c1 ♖gd8 19.b3 ♘a5 20.f4 ♘c6∞) 15...♘c4 16.♕e2 ♕c7 17.fxe5 dxe5 (17...♘xe5 18.♘xe7 ♔xe7∞) 18.♘d1 ♗c5∞

15.♗c1 ♖c8 16.h4?!

16.b3 ♘b6 (16...♘e3 17.♗xe3 ♖xc3 18.♗d2 ♖c6 19.c4! ♘xe4 20.f4 ♘xd2 21.♕xd2 e4 22.♖ad1±) 17.♘e2 ♘xe4 18.c4 ♘d7 19.♕d3 ♘ef6 20.♘g3±

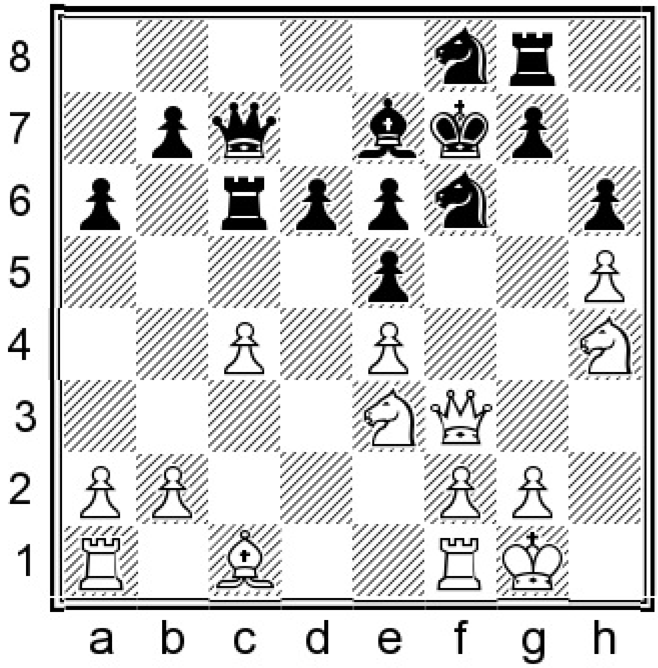
16...♖c6

16...♔f7 17.h5 ♕c7 18.♕f3 ♕c6∞

17.♕f3 ♔f7 18.h5 ♕c7 19.♘d1! ♘b6

19...d5 20.exd5 exd5 21.b3 ♘b6 22.♕f5 ♗d6 23.♘e3±

20.♘e3 ♘d7 21.c4 ♘f8 22.♘h4



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22...♘h7! 23.b3 ♘g5 24.♕e2 ♘gxe4 25.♗b2 ♖e8 26.♘g6 ♔g8 27.♖ad1 a5

27...♕b6 28.♘g4 ♗d8 29.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 30.♖d2 ♕c5∓

28.♘g4 ♗d8 29.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 30.♖d2

30.♗a3 e4 31.♖d2 d5 32.♖fd1 a4 33.♗b2 axb3 34.axb3=∞

30...♘d7 31.♖fd1?!

31.♗a3 ♗g5 32.♖d3 b6 33.♖fd1 ♘c5 34.♗xc5 bxc5 35.♕g4=∞

31...♗g5 32.♖d3 b5∓ 33.♗a3 d5?

33...b4 34.♗b2 a4 35.♖f3 axb3 36.axb3 ♖a6∓

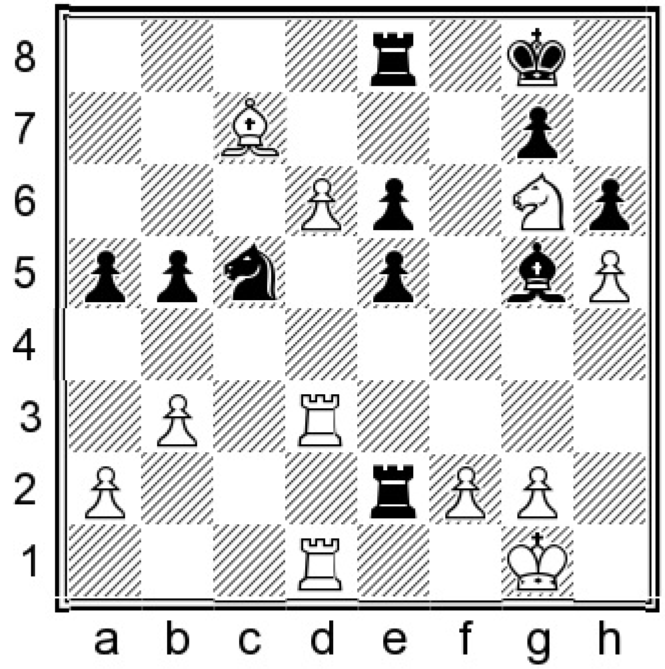
34.cxd5 ♖c2 35.♗d6

35.d6 ♕c6 36.♘xe5 ♖xe2 37.♘xc6 ♖xa2 38.♗c1 ♗f6∞

35...♖xe2 36.♗xc7 ♘c5?

36...exd5 37.♖xd5 ♘f6 38.♖xb5 ♖xa2 39.♖xe5 ♖xe5 40.♗xe5 ♘xh5 41.f4 ♗f6 42.g4 ♘g3=

37.d6



37.♖f3 ♖xa2 38.♗xe5 ♘d7 39.♗f4 ♗xf4 (39...exd5 40.♗xg5 hxg5 41.♖xd5±) 40.dxe6 ♘e5 41.♖xf4 ♘xg6 42.hxg6 ♖e2 43.♖a1 a4 44.bxa4 bxa4 45.♖fxa4 ♖2xe6=

37...♘d7?

37...♘xd3 38.d7 ♖a8 39.♖xd3 ♖xa2 40.d8=♕+ ♗xd8 41.♗xd8 a4 42.bxa4 bxa4 43.♖d7 a3 44.♘e7+ ♔h7 45.♘g6 ♖a1+ 46.♔h2 ♔g8 47.♘e7+ ♔h7 48.♘g6 a2 49.♗f6 ♖h1+ 50.♔g3 ♖g8 51.♘f8+ ♔h8 (51...♖xf8 52.♖xg7+ ♔h8 53.♖f7+=) 52.♘g6+=

38.♗xa5 ♖xa2 39.♗b4 ♗d8 40.♖c3

40.♗c3 e4 41.♖e3+-

40...♗b6 41.♔h2 ♔h7

41...♖xf2 42.♖c7 ♖f7 43.♖b7 ♔h7 44.♘e7+-

42.f3 ♖a7 43.♖c6 ♗e3 44.♗d2 ♗d4 45.♗c3 ♗e3 46.♖c7+- ♖ea8 47.♔h3 b4 48.♗xb4 ♖b8 49.♗c3 ♖xb3 50.♖c8 ♖b8 51.♖xb8 ♘xb8 52.d7 1-0

95. B90
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2766) - Firouzja, Alireza (2793)
Madrid (ct) 153/95, 2022

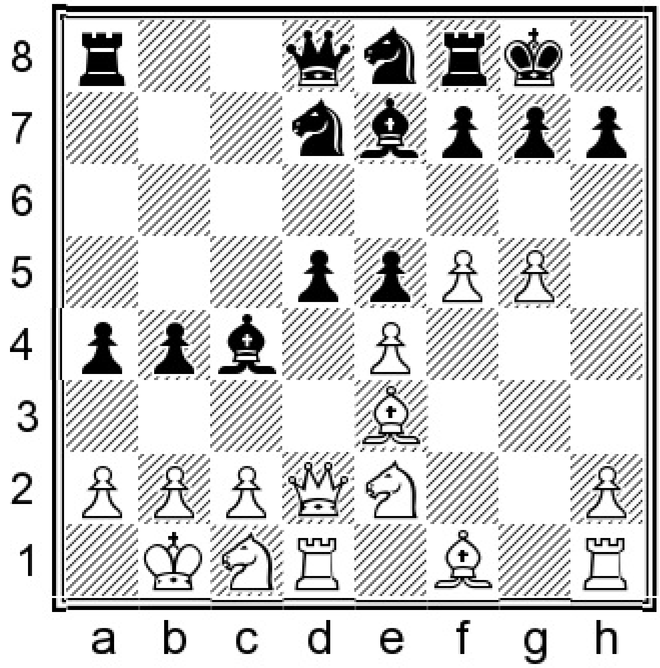
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 b4 13.♘e2 ♘e8 14.f4 a5 15.f5 ♗c4

15...a4 - 150/79

16.♔b1

16.f6 gxf6 17.gxf6 ♘dxf6! (17...♘exf6 18.♘ed4! ♗xb3 (18...exd4 19.♗h6 ♔h8 20.♗xc4±) 19.♘c6 ♕e8 20.axb3±) 18.♘ed4 ♗xf1 19.♖dxf1 ♔h8∞; 16.♘g3!? ♗xf1 17.♖hxf1 a4 18.♘a1 a3 19.b3±

16...a4 17.♘bc1 d5



18.f6!

18.exd5 ♘d6∞ 19.f6 gxf6

18...gxf6 19.gxf6N

19.♘g3→

19...♘dxf6

19...♘exf6 20.exd5 ♗xd5 21.♗h6 ♔h8 22.♖g1 ♖g8 23.♖xg8+ ♕xg8 24.♗h3 ♘f8 25.♘g3 ♗e6∞

20.♘g3 ♗xf1?

20...♔h8; 20...♘d6

21.♖hxf1± a3

21...♘d6 22.exd5; 21...♔h8 22.exd5

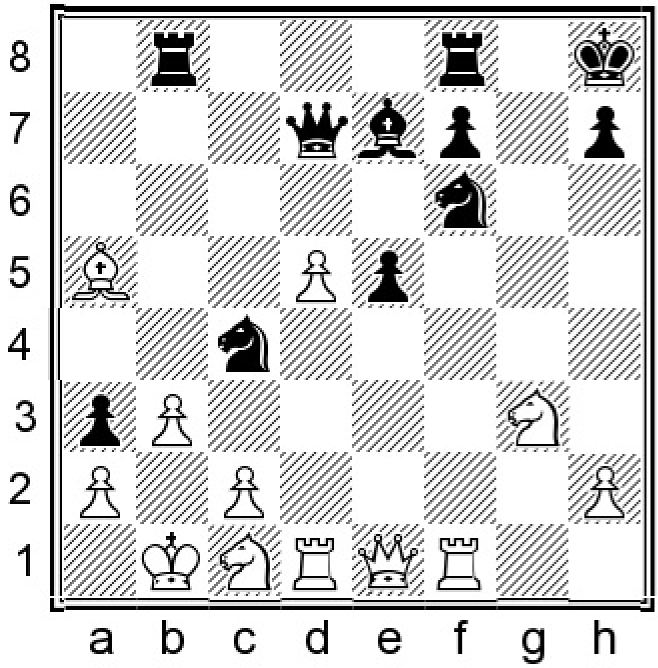
22.b3 ♔h8 23.exd5 ♘d6

23...♕c7 24.♖xf6! ♗xf6 (24...♘xf6? 25.d6+-) 25.♘d3! ♖c8 (25...♖d8 26.♘xb4+-) 26.♘xb4+-

24.♕xb4 ♖c8

24...♘f5? 25.d6+- Δ♗xd6 (25...♘xd6 26.♖xf6) 26.♖xd6

25.♗b6 ♕d7 26.♕e1 ♖b8 27.♗a5 ♘c4



28.d6

28.♗c3+-

28...♗d8

28...♘xd6 29.♕xe5 ♖b5 30.♕a1 ♖xa5 31.♖xf6 ♔g8 32.♘f5+-

29.♗c3

29.♗c7+-

29...♕e6 30.♘d3 ♘d5 31.♘f4

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31...♘xf4 32.♖xf4 f6 33.♕e2

33.d7+-

33...♘b2

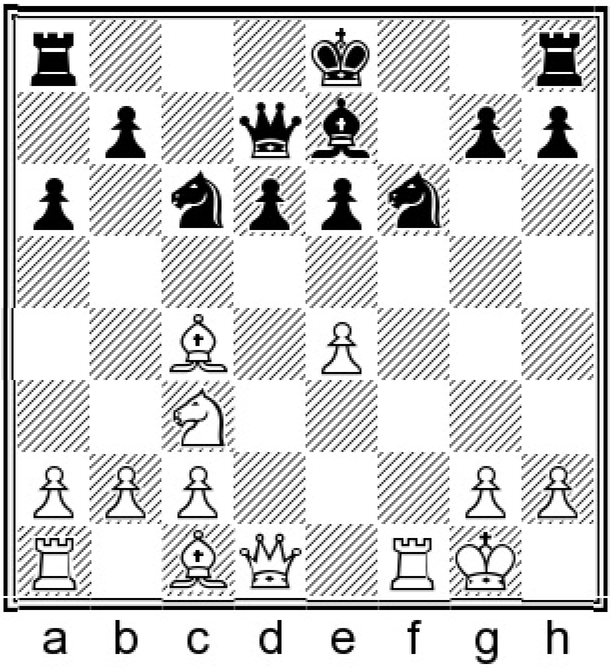
33...♘xd6 34.♗xe5+-

34.♖df1 ♖e8 35.♖h4 f5 36.♖xh7+! ♔xh7 37.♕h5+ ♔g8 38.♘xf5 ♗f6 39.♖g1+ 1-0

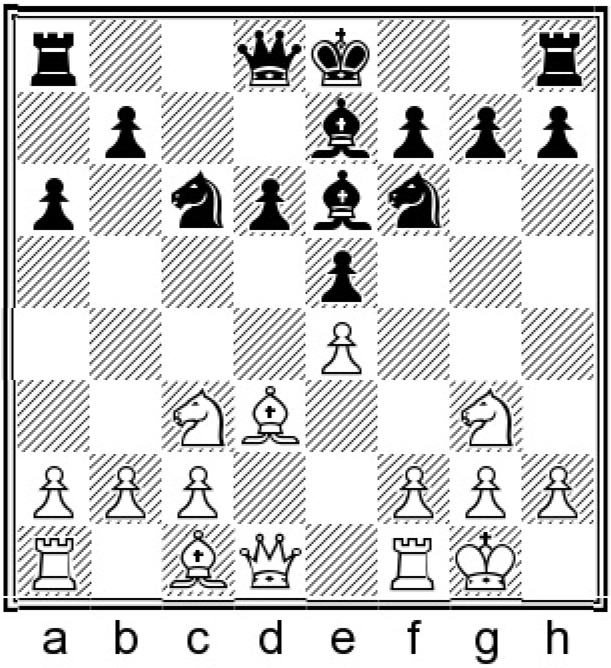
96. ** B90
Adams, Michael (2698) - Van Wely, Loek (2613)
Deutschland 153/96, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗d3 e5 7.♘de2 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O

8...♗e6 9.♘g3 (9.f4 exf4 10.♘xf4 ♘c6 11.♘xe6 fxe6 12.♗c4 ♕d7



13.a4N (13.♗f4 - 141/74) 13...♖c8 14.♗a2 O-O 15.♗f4 ♔h8 16.♕e2 ♗d8! 17.♖ad1 ♗b6+ 18.♔h1 ♗d4 19.h3 ♕e7 20.♗b3 ♗e5= Adams,M (2696)-Brkic, A (2611) Deutschland 153/(96) 2022) 9...♘c6



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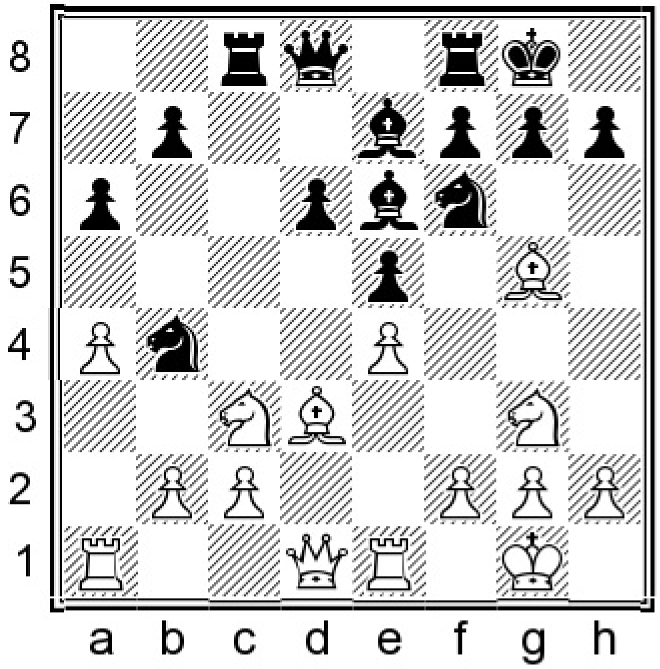
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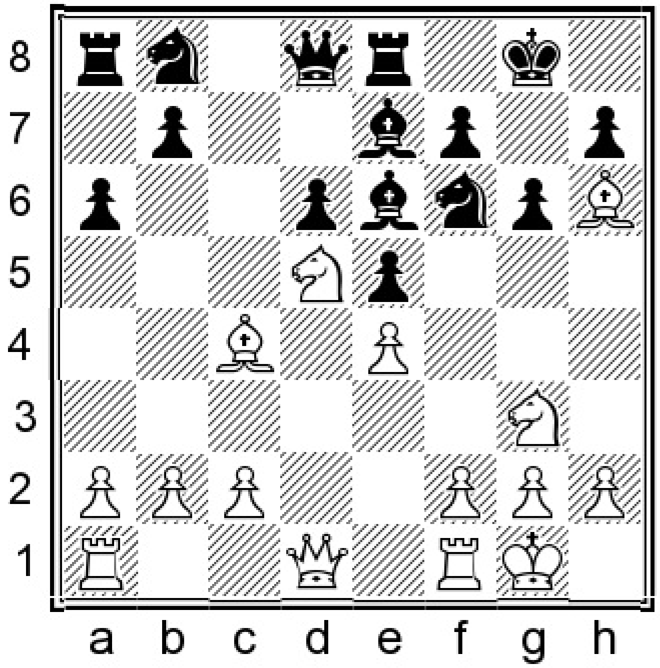
9.♘g3 g6

9...♗e6 - 152/83

10.♗h6 ♖e8 11.♗c4 ♗e6 12.♘d5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12...♘bd7N

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13.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 14.♗b3±

14.♗xe6 ♕xe6 (14...fxe6?! 15.c4 ♖ac8 16.♕e2±) 15.♕d2 d5 16.exd5 ♕xd5 17.♕xd5 ♘xd5 18.♖fd1 ♘7f6 19.♖d2±

14...♗xb3

14...♘c5 15.♕f3 ♘g4 16.♗xe6 ♘xh6 (16...♕xe6 17.♗g5 h6 18.♗h4 ♘d7 19.♖ad1 ♖ac8 20.♖d2±) 17.♗d5±

15.axb3 ♕e6 16.h3 d5 17.exd5 ♘xd5

17...♕xd5 18.♕xd5 ♘xd5 19.♖fd1 ♘7f6 20.♖d2 ♖ac8 21.♖ad1 ♘f4 22.♗g5 ♖e6 23.c3±

18.♕d2 f5 19.♖fd1

19.♖ad1!? ♘7f6 20.♖fe1 ♖ac8 21.c4 ♘b6 22.♘e2±

19...♘7f6 20.c4 ♘e7 21.♕b4 f4?

21...♘c6! 22.♕b6 (22.♕xb7? ♖a7 23.♕b6 ♘d7 24.♕e3 f4-+) 22...♘d7 (22...f4!?) 23.♕c7 ♘d4 24.♕xb7 ♖eb8 25.♕c7 (25.♕d5?! ♕xd5 26.cxd5 ♘xb3∓) 25...♖c8 26.♕b7 ♖cb8=

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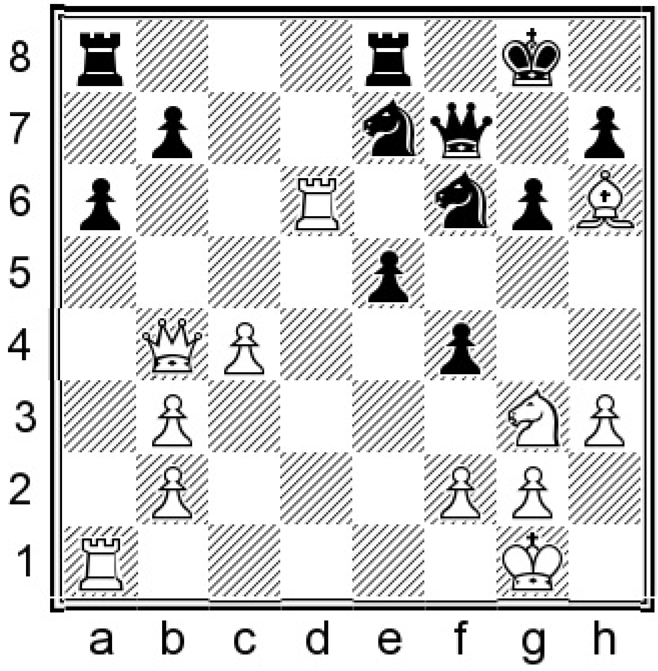


23.♗g5! ♘c6

23...fxg3 24.♖xf6 gxf2+ 25.♖xf2 ♕e6 26.♖f6 ♕d7 27.♖d6 ♕c7 28.♖ad1+-

24.♕e1 fxg3 25.♖xf6 ♕g7

25...gxf2+ 26.♕xf2 ♕g7 27.♕c5 ♖ad8 28.♖xc6 bxc6 29.♗xd8 ♖xd8 30.♕xc6+-

26.♕e4+- gxf2+ 27.♖xf2 ♖f8 28.♕d5+ ♔h8 29.♖af1 ♖xf2 30.♖xf2 ♖f8 31.♕e6 1-0

97. B90
Mihok, Oliver (2534) - Ftacnik, Lubomir (2507)
Slovensko 153/97, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 h5 9.♕d2 ♘bd7 10.O-O-O ♖c8 11.♔b1 ♗e7 12.g3 b5

12...♕c7 - 114/(76)

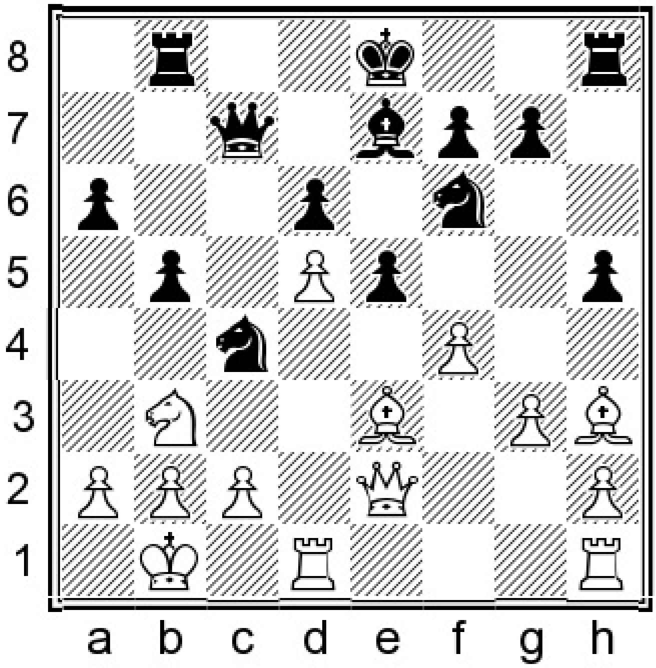
13.♘d5 ♗xd5 14.exd5 ♘b6 15.♗h3

15.♗xb6 ♕xb6 16.♗h3 ♖c4 17.♖he1 O-O 18.♗f1 ♖b8 19.f4 ♖e4 20.♖xe4 ♘xe4 21.♕b4 ♘f2 22.♖e1 ♘g4 23.♕d2 b4∞

15...♘c4 16.♕e2 ♖b8

16...♖c7 17.f4 e4 18.♗d4! (18.♗c1 O-O 19.♗g2 ♖e8∞) 18...O-O (18...a5 19.♖he1 O-O 20.♘d2±) 19.g4±

17.f4 ♕c7



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18...O-O

18...a5 19.♖hf1 (19.♘d2 O-O 20.♘xc4 bxc4 21.c3 ♖b5 22.♗g2 a4∓) 19...a4 20.♘d2 O-O∞

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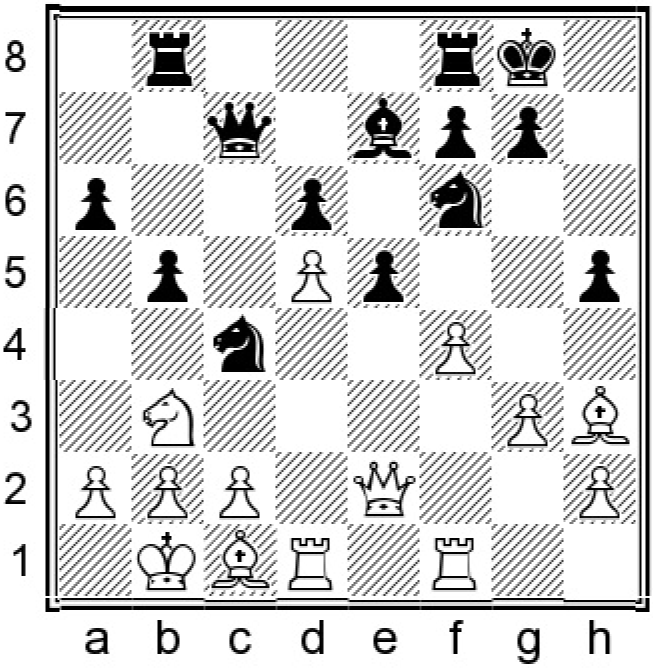

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19...♖fd8

19...♖fe8! 20.fxe5 (20.g4 hxg4 (20...♕c8!? 21.f5 hxg4 22.♗xg4 a5∞) 21.♗xg4 ♘xg4 22.♕xg4 e4 23.♖g1 ♗f6 24.♕f5 ♕e7 25.♘d4 ♗xd4 26.♖xd4 e3∞) 20...dxe5 21.d6 (21.♘d2 a5∞) 21...♘xd6 22.♕xe5 ♗f8 23.♕c5 ♕b7=

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22...bxc4 23.fxe5 dxe5 24.d6 ♗xd6

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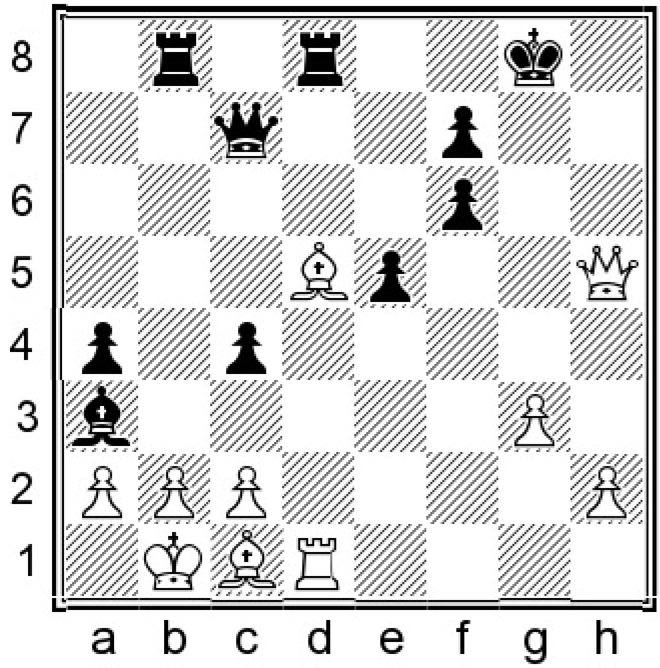

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37...♔e7? 38.♖d3 e2 39.♖e3+ ♔d7 40.♖xe2 ♖b1 41.♖d2+ ♔e6 42.c3 ♖b2 43.♖d5 ♖xh2 44.♖a5 a2 45.♔b3=

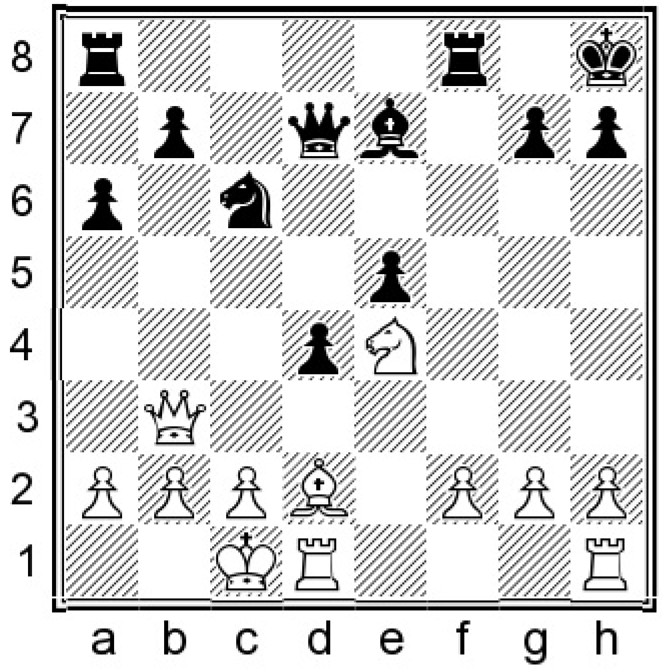
38.♖e8 ♖b1 0-1

98. * B90
Stoyanov, Tsvetan (2450) - Brkic, Ante (2611)
Chennai (ol) 153/98, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘f3 ♗e7 8.♗c4 ♗e6 9.♗xe6 fxe6 10.♘g5 ♕d7 11.♕f3 d5 12.exd5 exd5 13.O-O-O d4 14.♘ce4 ♘c6 15.♗d2 O-O 16.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 17.♘e4

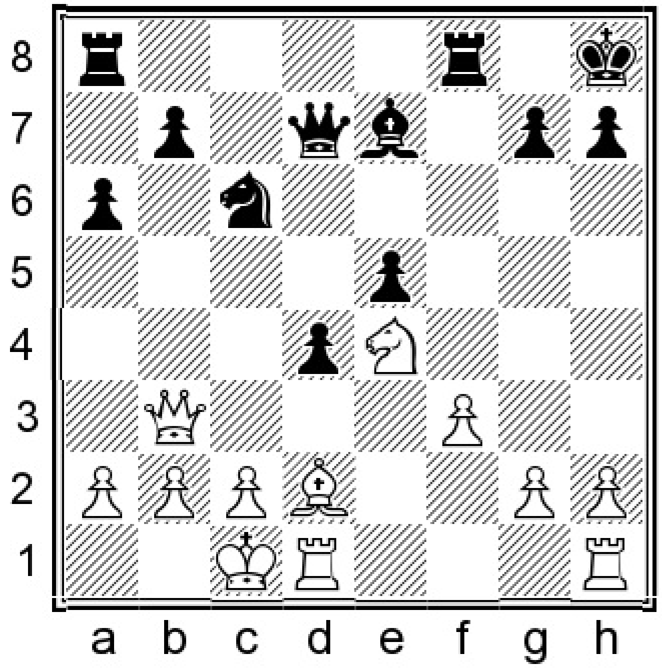
17.♕b3+ - 46/(328)

17...♗e7 18.♕b3+ ♔h8



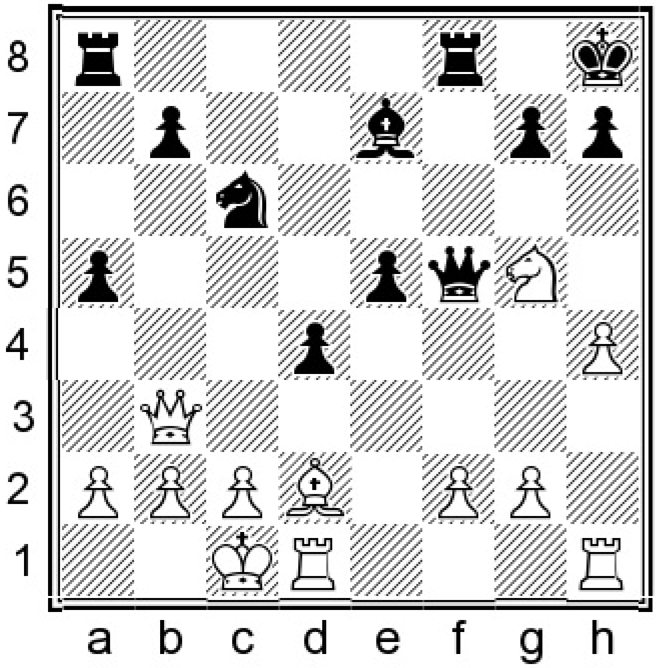
19.h4N

19.f3



- 153/(98) 19...b5N (19...a5) 20.h4 ♖ac8 21.♔b1 b4 22.♕d3 ♕d5 23.♘g5 (23.h5 h6 24.g4±) 23...♕g8 24.♖de1 a5 25.f4 ♗xg5?! (25...exf4 26.♘e6 ♖f6 27.♘xf4±) 26.hxg5 exf4 27.g6 h6 28.g4 ♕d5 29.g5 ♕xg5 30.♖eg1 ♕f6 31.♖h5? (31.♖xh6+! gxh6 32.g7+ ♕xg7 33.♖xg7 ♔xg7 34.♗xf4 ♖f6 35.a4 ♖cf8 36.♗d2∞) 31...♘e5∓ Kotronias,V (2465)-Colpe,M (2348) Hamburg 153/(98) 2022

19...a5 20.♘g5 ♕f5



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26...♕f5 27.♔b1 ♗f6 28.♗g5±

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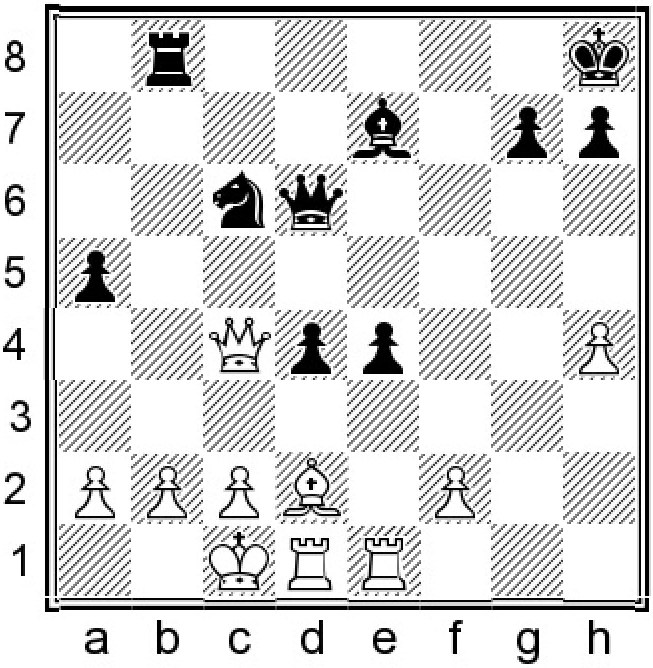

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99. B90
Pranav, V. (2512) - Sarana, Alexey (2668)
Novi Sad 153/99, 2022

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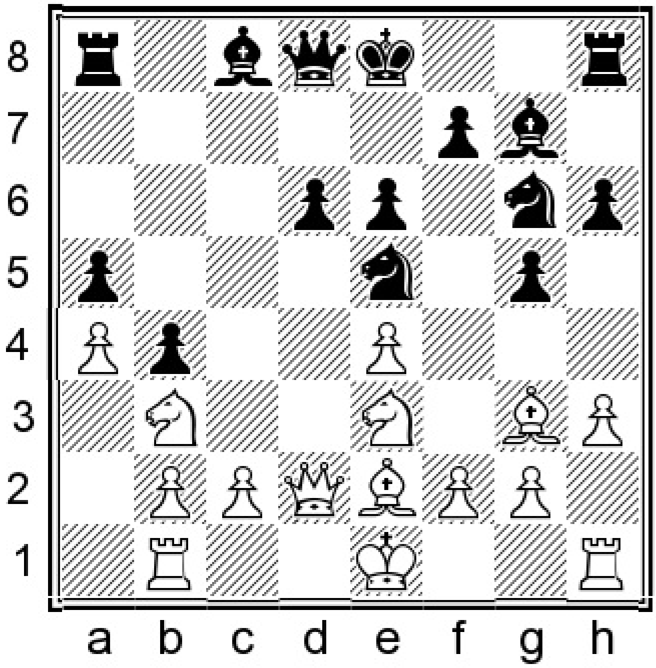
13.♘d5 - 93/197

13...b4 14.♘d5 ♘g6 15.♖b1

15.♕d2?! ♗xb2 16.♖d1 ♗g7 17.O-O O-O∓

15...e6 16.♘e3 ♘ce5 17.♕d2 a5



18.♗b5+N

18.♖d1 ♗d7 19.♕xd6 ♗xa4 20.♕xd8+ (20.♕c5 ♕c8 21.♕xc8+ ♖xc8 22.♘xa5 ♗xc2 23.♖c1 ♖a8 24.♘xc2 ♖xa5 25.♘xb4 O-O=∞) 20...♖xd8 21.♘xa5 ♖xd1+ 22.♔xd1 O-O 23.♘ec4 ♘xc4 24.♘xc4 ♗b5=∞

18...♔e7

18...♗d7! 19.♘d4 (19.♕xd6 ♗xb5 20.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 21.axb5 ♘f4 22.♖a1 a4 23.O-O ♘e2+ 24.♔h2 h5∓) 19...♘f4 20.O-O ♗xb5 (20...O-O 21.c4 bxc3 (21...♕f6∞) 22.bxc3 ♗xb5 23.axb5 ♕b6∞) 21.♘xb5 (21.axb5 ♕b6∓) 21...♘xh3+ 22.♔h1 ♘f4 23.♘xd6+ ♔e7 24.♖fd1 ♕c7 25.♘df5+ ♔f8 (25...exf5? 26.♗xf4+-) 26.♕d6+ ♕xd6 27.♘xd6 ♔e7 28.♖d2 h5∞

19.♘d4

19.O-O ♗b7 20.f3 ♘f4∞

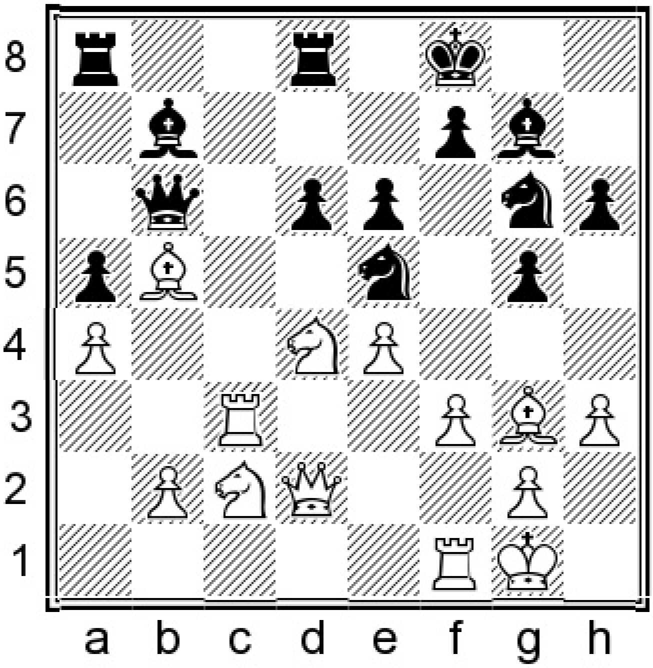
19...♗b7 20.f3 ♕c7 21.O-O ♖hd8 22.c3

22.♔h1 ♔f8 23.c3 bxc3 24.bxc3 ♔g8 25.♖fd1 h5∞

22...bxc3 23.♖bc1 ♔f8 24.♖xc3

24.bxc3 ♘f4 25.♔h1 ♔g8=

24...♕b6 25.♘ec2



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25...d5! 26.♗f2

26.exd5 ♖xd5 27.♕f2 ♔g8 28.♘b3 ♕d8 29.♘e3 ♖d6∓

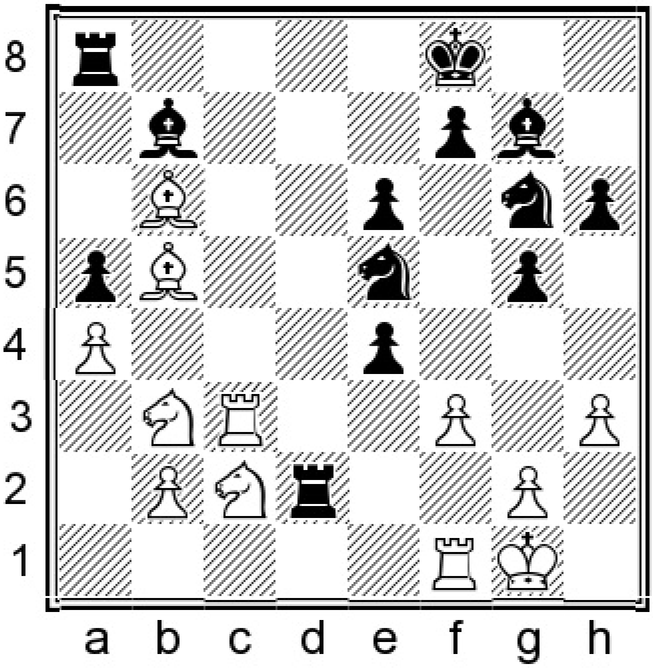
26...dxe4

26...♗a6 27.♘c6 d4! 28.♗xd4 ♘xc6 29.♗xb6 ♖xd2 30.♖xc6 ♗b7 31.♖c7 ♗e5 32.♖xb7 ♖xc2 33.♖b1 ♔g8 34.b3 ♖ac8 35.♖d7 ♘f4 36.♗f1 ♗c3 37.♖d8+ ♖xd8 38.♗xd8 ♔g7=∞

27.♘b3 ♖xd2

27...♕xb5 28.axb5 ♖xd2 29.♘xd2 exf3 30.g3 ♖d8 31.♗d4 ♘e7 32.♖c7 ♗a8 33.♗c5 ♔g8 34.♗xe7 ♖xd2 35.♖f2 ♖d1+ 36.♖f1 (36.♔h2? ♘d3-+) 36...♖d2=

28.♗xb6



28...♘xf3+

28...♖d3!? 29.♗xd3 (29.♘xa5 ♗d5 30.fxe4 ♗xe4 31.♗xd3 ♘xd3 32.♖c7 ♘gf4 33.♘c4 ♘xb2 34.♘xb2 ♗xb2∞) 29...exd3 30.♘e3 ♘f4 31.♖c7 ♗c6 32.♖a1 ♖b8 33.♗c5+ ♔g8 34.♘xa5 ♗xf3! 35.gxf3 ♖xb2 36.♖f1 ♘xh3+ 37.♔h1 ♖e2 38.♘ac4 ♘f2+ 39.♔g2 ♘e4+ 40.♔g1 ♘xc4 41.fxe4 ♘xe3 42.♖fxf7 ♖e1+ 43.♔f2 ♖e2+ 44.♔f3 g4+ 45.♔f4 e5+ 46.♔g3 ♖g2+ 47.♔h4 ♖h2+ 48.♔g3 ♖g2+=

29.♖cxf3 exf3 30.♘xd2 fxg2 31.♖e1?

31.♖d1 ♘f4 32.♔h2 ♖c8 (32...♗xb2 33.♘c4 ♗c3∞) 33.♘c4 ♗f3 34.♖d2 ♖xc4 35.♖d8+ (35.♗xc4? ♗e5-+) 35...♔e7 36.♖d7+ ♔f8 37.♖d8+ ♔e7=

31...♘f4

31...♖c8! 32.♘c4 (32.♘d4 ♗d5 33.♗a6 ♖b8 34.♗c5+ ♔g8 35.b3 ♘f4∓) 32...♘h4 33.♔f2 ♘f3 34.♖d1 ♗xb2∓

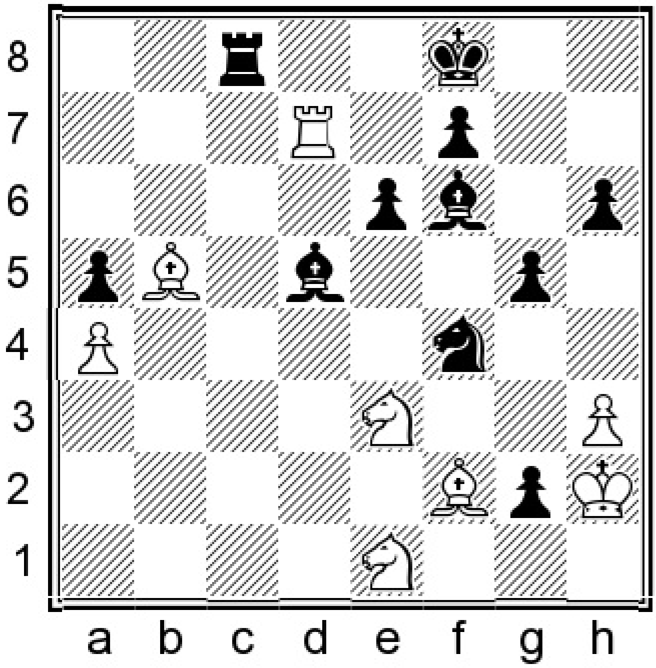
32.♔h2 ♗xb2 33.♘c4 ♗c3 34.♖e3 ♘d5 35.♖d3 ♖c8 36.♗f2 ♗f6

36...♗e5+ 37.♘xe5 ♖xc2 38.♗g1 ♖c1 39.♘d7+ ♔g7∓; 36...♗c6 37.♗xc6 ♖xc6 38.♘2e3 g1=♕+ 39.♗xg1 ♘xe3 40.♘xe3 f5∓

37.♘e1?

37.♘2e3 ♘f4 38.♖d7 ♗e4∞

37...♘f4 38.♖d7 ♗d5 39.♘e3



39...♖c3

39...♗e5! 40.♘xd5 exd5 41.♗g3 ♘e2! 42.♗xe2 ♗xg3+ 43.♔xg2 ♗xe1-+

40.♘1xg2 ♗xg2

40...♗e5 41.♗g3 ♗xg2 42.♘xg2 ♘g6 43.♖d3 ♖c2 44.♗xe5 ♘xe5 45.♖d8+ ♔g7∓

41.♘xg2 ♖xh3+ 42.♔g1 ♘d5 43.♖a7 ♗c3

43...♖c3 44.♖xa5 ♖c1+ 45.♗f1 ♘c3 46.♗b6∞

44.♗c4?!

44.♘e1 ♘f4 (44...♘e3 45.♗e2 ♗e5 46.♘f3 ♗f4 47.♖a8+ ♔g7 48.♗xe3 ♗xe3+ 49.♔g2 g4 50.♘e5 h5 51.♗xg4 hxg4 52.♘xg4 ♖h4 53.♘xe3 ♖xa4=) 45.♗f1 ♖h5 46.♘d3 ♘h3+ 47.♗xh3 ♖xh3 48.♘c5 ♖f3∓

44...♘f6 45.♗c5+ ♔g8 46.♗b5 ♘d5

46...h5 47.♘e3 ♖g3+ 48.♔h2 h4-+

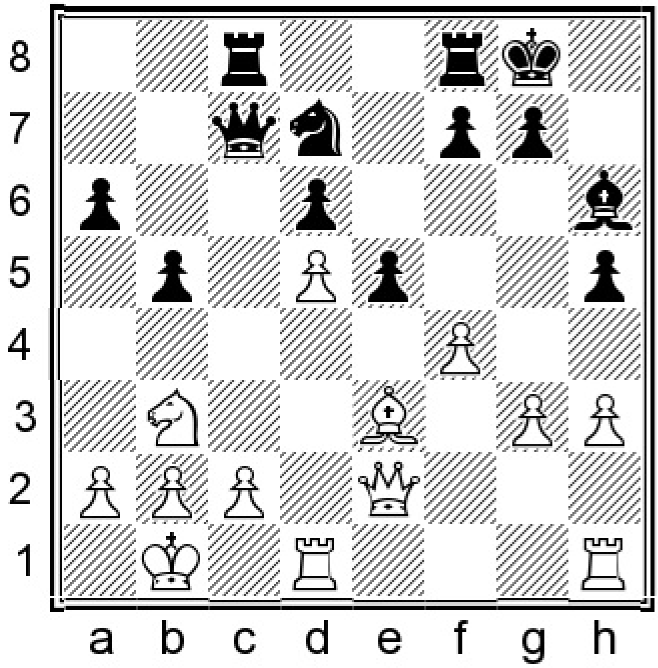
47.♗c4 ♘f6 48.♗b5 h5 49.♗f1 h4 50.♖a8+ ♔g7 51.♖d8 ♘e4-+ 52.♗f8+ ♔f6 53.♗d3 ♔e5 54.♗e2 ♗d4+ 55.♔f1 ♖h1# 0-1

100. B90
Akopian, Vladimir (2622) - Sorokin, Aleksey (2535)
Chicago 153/100, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.f3 ♗e6 9.♕d2 h5 10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.♔b1 ♖c8 12.g3 b5

12...♕c7 - 114/(76)

13.♘d5 ♘xd5 14.exd5 ♗f5 15.♗d3 ♗xd3 16.♕xd3 O-O 17.h3 ♗g5 18.f4 ♗h6! 19.♕e2 ♕c7



20.c3N

20.♖d2 ♖fe8! (20...♕c4 21.♕xh5∞) 21.♕xh5 (21.♕f3 ♘f6∓) 21...a5 22.♘c1 a4∓

20...♖fe8 21.♕xh5 a5 22.♘d2

22.g4 b4! 23.g5 bxc3 24.♖c1 ♕c4 25.gxh6 ♕e4+ 26.♔a1 g6! 27.h7+ ♔h8∓

22...b4 23.c4

23.♖c1 ♘f6 24.♕f3 bxc3 25.♖xc3 ♕b7∓

23...a4 24.♖hf1?!

24.♕f3 ♕d8 25.♖he1 exf4 26.♗xf4 ♗xf4 (26...♕f6 27.♘e4 ♕g6 28.♕g4 ♕xg4 29.hxg4 ♗xf4 30.gxf4 ♖xc4 31.♘xd6 ♖xe1 32.♖xe1 ♖xf4 33.♖e4 g5=) 27.♕xf4 ♘c5⯹

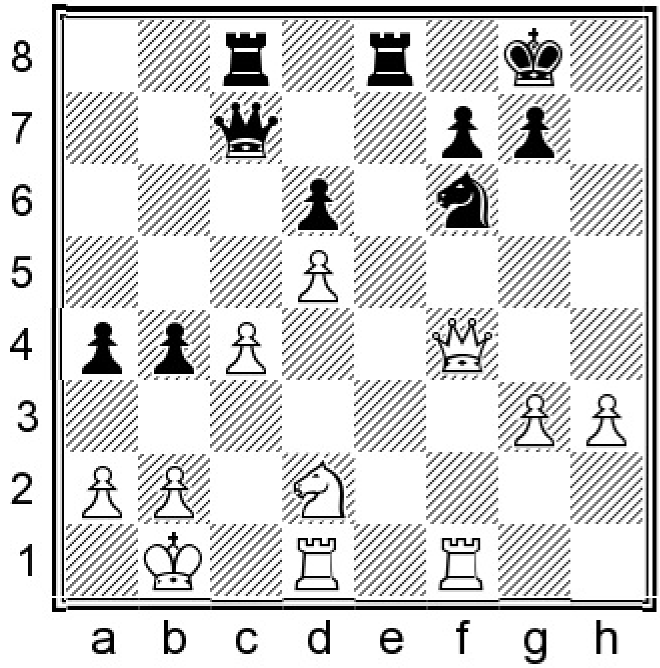
24...♘f6

24...exf4 25.♗xf4 ♘f6 26.♕f3 - 24...Nf6 (26.♕h4 ♗xf4 27.gxf4 ♘e4∓)

25.♕f3 exf4 26.♗xf4

26.gxf4 ♕d7 27.♗d4 ♕f5+ 28.♔a1 ♘e4 29.♕d3 g6∓

26...♗xf4 27.♕xf4



27...a3! 28.♕d4

28.b3? ♘xd5-+

28...♕e7 29.♘f3

29.b3 ♕e2 30.g4 ♖e3-+

29...♕d7

29...axb2 30.♖de1 ♕d7 31.g4 ♕a4-+

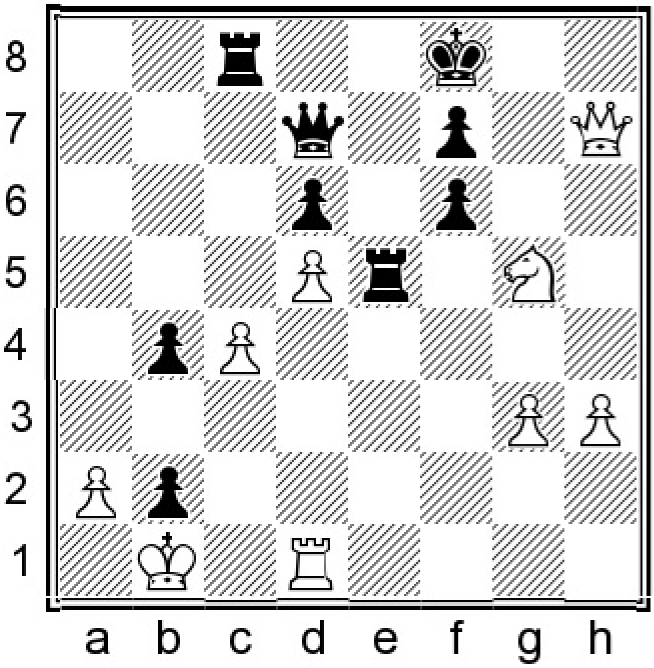
30.♘g5 ♖e5

30...♖e2 31.b3 ♖ce8 32.♖f2 ♖8e3 33.♖xe2 ♖xe2 34.g4 ♕e7-+

31.♕h4 axb2?

31...♕e7 32.♖xf6 ♕xf6 33.♕h7+ ♔f8 34.♕h8+ ♔e7 35.♕xc8 ♕g6+! 36.♘e4 (36.♔c1 axb2+ 37.♔xb2 ♖e2+ 38.♔b3 ♕c2+ 39.♔xb4 ♕b2+ 40.♔a4 ♕xa2+ 41.♔b4 ♖b2+ 42.♔c3 ♖b3+ 43.♔d4 ♕b2+ 44.♔e4 ♕e5#) 36...♖xe4 37.♕c7+ ♔f8-+

32.♖xf6! gxf6 33.♕h7+ ♔f8



34.♕h6+?

34.♖f1! fxg5 (34...♖xg5 35.♕h8+ ♖g8 36.♕h6+ ♖g7 37.♕h8+ ♖g8 38.♕h6+ ♖g7=) 35.♕h8+ ♔e7 36.♕f6+ ♔e8 37.♕h8+ ♔e7=

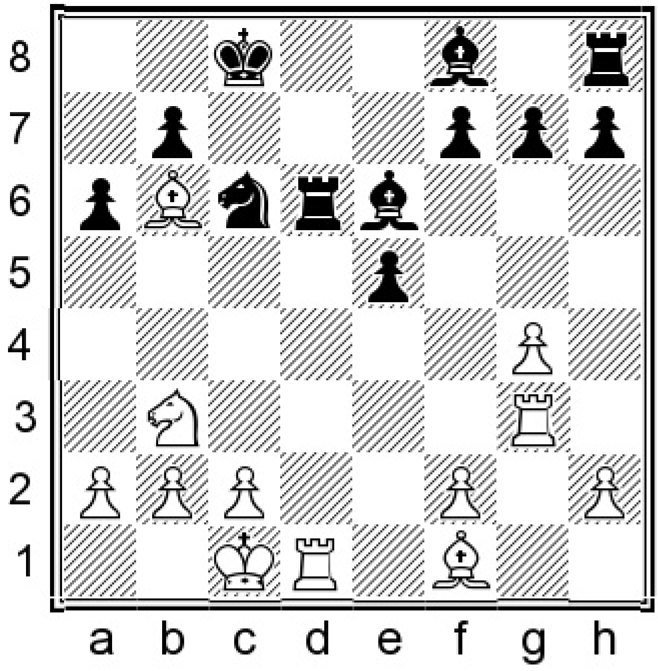
34...♔e8-+ 35.♕xf6 ♕e7 36.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 37.♘f3 ♖e4 38.♘d4 ♖xc4 39.♘f5+ ♔d7 40.♔xb2 ♖c3 41.♖f1 ♖e2+ 42.♔b1 ♖d3 0-1

101. ** B90
Fedoseev, Vladimir (2704) - Grandelius, Nils (2663)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 153/101, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♖g1 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.g4 d5 9.exd5 ♘xd5 10.♘xd5 ♕xd5 11.♕xd5

11.♗e3 - 91/213

11...♗xd5 12.♗e3 ♘c6 13.O-O-O O-O-O 14.♗b6 ♖d6 15.♖g3 ♗e6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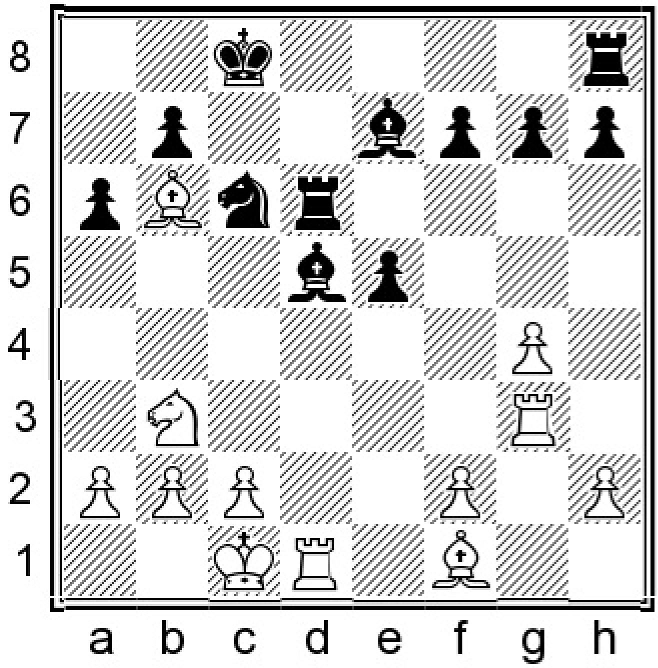
15...♗e7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- 153/(101) 16.g5N (16.♖c3) 16...♗e6 17.a4 ♘b4 18.♖xd6 ♗xd6 19.♗h3 ♗xh3 20.♖xh3 ♘d5 21.♗c5 ♘f4 22.♖e3?! (22.♖f3 ♔d7 23.♗e3 h6 24.♗xf4 exf4 25.♖h3 ♔e6=) 22...♗c7 23.a5 h6∓ Chen,R (2242)-Woodward, A (2330) Richardson 153/(101) 2022

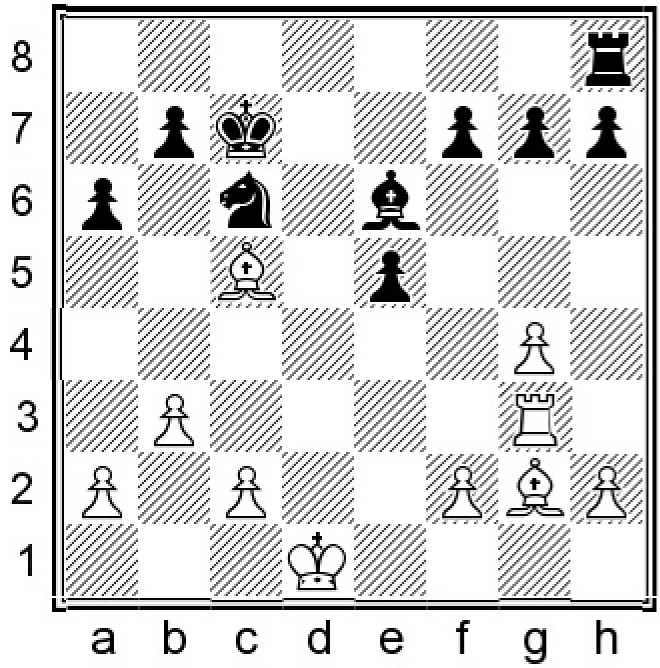
15...h6

16.♗g2N

16.♘c5 - 153/(101) 16...♖xd1+ 17.♔xd1 ♗xc5 18.♗xc5 ♔c7 (18...h5!?) 19.♔c1 h6 (19...h5! 20.gxh5 (20.g5 h4 21.♖c3 h3∞) 20...♖xh5 21.♖xg7 ♖xh2=) 20.b3 g5 21.♗e2± Can,I (2426)-Yilmaz, M (2624)

Ankara 153/(101) 2022

16...♖xd1+ 17.♔xd1 ♗e7 18.♘c5 ♗xc5 19.♗xc5 ♔c7 20.b3



20...h5! 21.gxh5

21.g5 b6 22.♗a3 ♖d8+ 23.♔c1 ♗d5=

21...♖xh5 22.♖xg7 ♖xh2 23.♗e4 ♖h4

23...♘d4 24.♗xd4 exd4 25.♔e2 b6=

24.f3 b6 25.♗g1 ♘b4

25...♘e7 26.♖g5 ♘d5 27.♖xe5 ♘c3+ 28.♔d2 ♘xe4+ 29.fxe4 ♔d6 30.♖g5 ♔c6=

26.a4 ♘d5 27.♔d2 b5 28.a5

28.axb5 axb5 29.♗g6 ♖f4=

28...♔d6 29.c4 bxc4 30.bxc4 ♘f6 31.c5+ ♔e7 32.♗b7 ♖a4 33.c6 ♘d5

33...♖xa5 34.♖g5 ♔d6 35.♗a7 ♔c7 36.♔c1∞

34.♗b6 ♖a2+ 35.♔e1 ♖a1+= 36.♔f2 ♖a2+ 37.♔g1 ♖a1+ 38.♔h2 ♖a2+ 39.♔g1 ♖a1+ 40.♔f2 ♖a2+ 41.♔e1 ♖a1+ 42.♔d2 ♖a2+ 43.♔c1 ♘c3 44.c7 ♗b3 45.♗e4 ♘e2+ 46.♔b1 ♘c3+ 47.♔c1 ♘e2+ 48.♔b1 ♘c3+ 49.♔c1 1/2-1/2

102. !N B90
Wang, Hao (2744) - Giri, Anish (2761)
Stavanger 153/102, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.♗e3 ♗e6 9.f4 exf4 10.♗xf4

♘c6 11.♕e2 ♘e5 12.O-O-O ♘fd7 13.♔b1 ♖c8 14.♕e3 O-O 15.g4 ♖e8 16.♘d4 ♕a5 17.a3 b5 18.♘f5

18.♘d5 - 121/(73)

18...b4

18...♗xf5 19.gxf5 ♘f6 20.♘d5 ♘xd5 21.♖xd5 ♕c7 22.c3 ♗f6∞

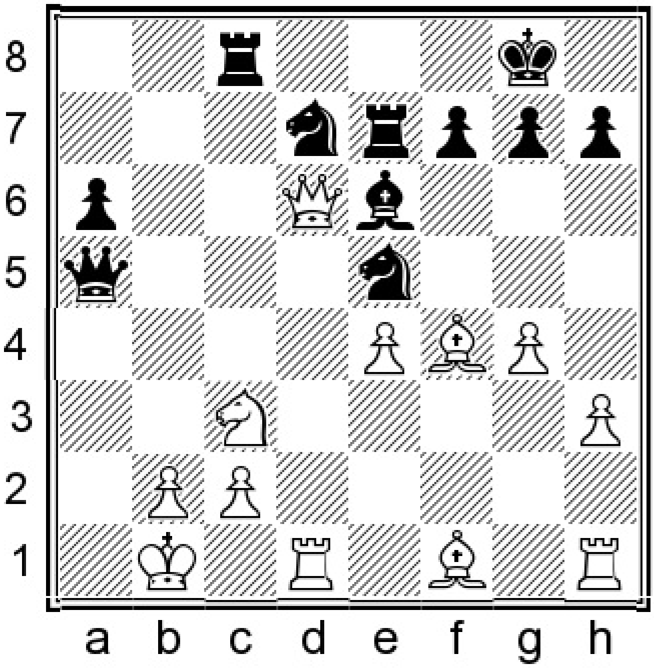
19.axb4

19.♗xe5 ♘xe5 20.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 21.♘d5 ♗xd5 22.♖xd5 ♕c7 23.♖h2 ♘c4 24.♕d4 bxa3 25.♗xc4 ♕xc4 26.b3 ♕xd4 27.♖xd4 ♖e6=

19...♕xb4 20.♕d4 ♕a5 21.♘xe7+

21.♕a4 ♕c7 22.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 23.♕a3 (23.♕d4 ♕a5 - 21.Ne7) 23...♘c5 24.♖d4 ♖ee8=

21...♖xe7 22.♕xd6



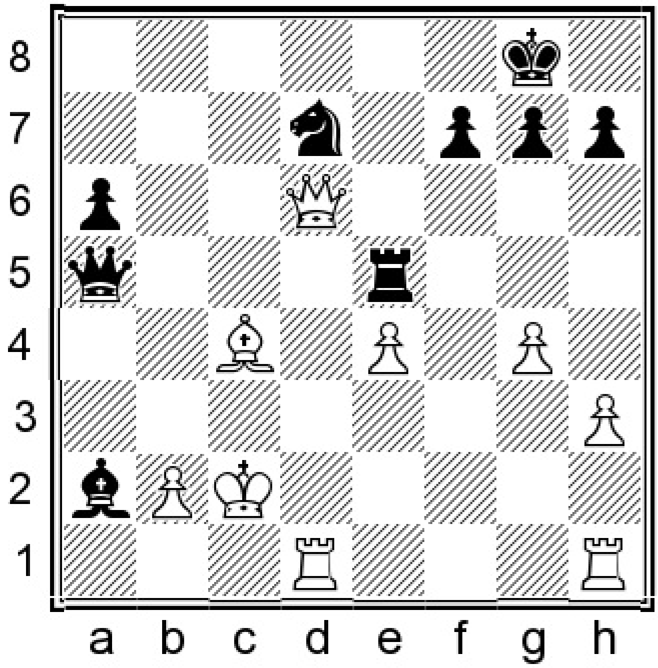
22...♖xc3!N

22...♖ee8 23.♘d5 ♕a4 24.♖h2±

23.♗xe5

23.bxc3 ♖e8 24.♗xe5 ♘xe5 25.♕b4 ♕c7 26.♔a1 ♖b8 27.♕a3 h6⩱

23...♗a2+ 24.♔c1 ♖xc2+! 25.♔xc2 ♖xe5 26.♗c4



26.♕xd7 ♕c5+ 27.♔d2 ♕b4+ 28.♔e2 ♕xe4+ 29.♔f2 ♕e3+ 30.♔g2 ♕e4+=; 26.♖d3 ♖c5+ 27.♖c3 ♕a4+ 28.♔d2 ♕b4 29.♗d3 ♕xb2+ 30.♖c2 ♖xc2+ 31.♗xc2 ♕b5=

26...♖c5!= 27.♕xd7

27.b3 ♕b4 28.♕g3 ♗xb3+ 29.♕xb3 ♖xc4+ 30.♔b2 ♘f8! 31.♕xb4 ♖xb4+ 32.♔c3 ♖xe4=

27...♖xc4+ 28.♔d3 h6 29.♖c1 ♕b4 30.♖xc4 ♗xc4+ 31.♔c2 ♗b3+ 32.♔d3 ♗c4+ 1/2-1/2

103. B90
Sadhwani, Raunak (2611) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2754)
Chennai (ol) 153/103, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 h5 9.♕d2 ♘bd7 10.O-O-O ♗e7 11.♔b1 ♖c8 12.♗d3 b5 13.h3 h4 14.♖he1 O-O

14...♕c7 - 84/215

15.♖g1N

15.f4

15...b4

15...♘h5!? 16.♘e2 (16.♘c1 ♘c5 17.♘1e2 b4 18.♘d5 ♗xd5 19.exd5 ♘xd3 20.♕xd3 ♘g3 21.♘xg3 hxg3 22.f4 ♗f6∞) 16...♘c5 (16...♘g3 17.♘xg3 hxg3 18.f4 ♕c7 19.♖gf1 ♗c4∞) 17.g4 ♘f6 (17...hxg3 18.♘xg3 ♘xg3 19.♖xg3 ♘xd3 20.♕xd3±; 17...♘g3!? 18.♘xg3 hxg3 19.♗e2 (19.♖xg3 ♘xd3 20.♕xd3 ♕c7⯹) 19...♕c7 20.♖xg3 ♘xb3 21.axb3 d5 22.exd5 ♗xd5⯹) 18.g5 ♘h5 19.f4 exf4 20.♘xf4 ♘xf4 21.♗xf4 d5∞

16.♘e2

16.♘d5 ♘xd5 17.exd5 ♗xd5 18.♕xb4 a5 19.♕xa5 (19.♘xa5 ♗xa2+! 20.♔xa2 ♖a8 21.♗d2 d5 22.♕b5 ♘c5=∞) 19...♗xb3 20.♕xd8 ♗xa2+ 21.♔xa2 ♖fxd8

16...d5

16...a5!? 17.g3 a4 18.♘bc1 ♖e8 19.gxh4 ♗f8 20.♘g3 d5 21.exd5 ♘xd5 22.♘h5 ♔h8 23.♘xg7 ♗xg7 24.♖xg7 ♔xg7 25.♗h6+ ♔h8 26.♖g1 ♕f6 27.♗g5 ♕xf3 28.♗h6 ♕f6 29.♗g5 ♕f3 30.♗h6 ♕f6=

17.g3 dxe4 18.fxe4 a5 19.gxh4 ♔h8 20.♖g5?!

20.♗b5 ♘xe4 21.♕xd7 ♗xd7 22.♖xd7 ♕e8 (22...♘d6 23.♖xd8 ♖fxd8 24.♗a4 ♘c4 25.♗g5±) 23.♖b7 ♕d8 24.♖d7=

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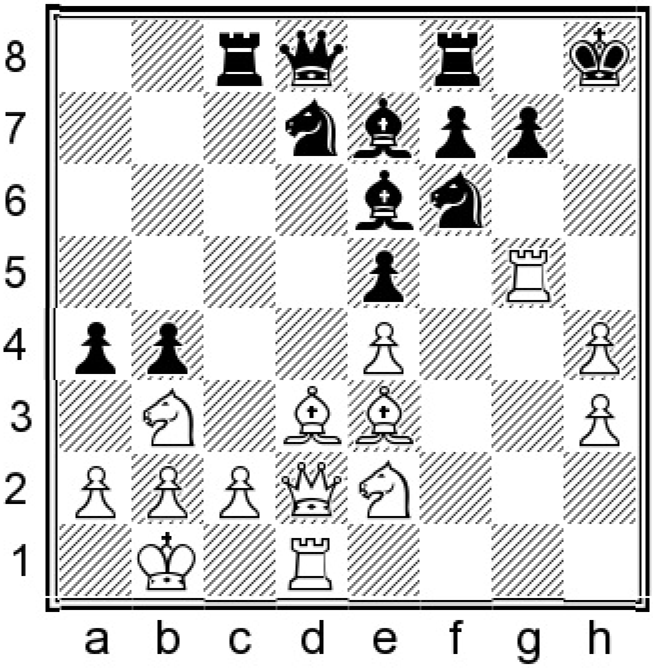


20...♘h7 21.♖g2 (21.♖h5 g6 22.♖h6 ♘f6 23.♘bd4 exd4 24.♗xd4 ♗c5∓) 21...a4 22.♘bc1 ♕c7 23.♘g3 a3 24.b3 ♖fd8∓

21.♘bd4! exd4 22.♗xd4 ♖g8 23.♖dg1 ♘f8

23...♖c5 24.e5 ♘h7 25.♗xh7 ♗xg5 26.♖xg5 ♖e8 27.♗d3+-

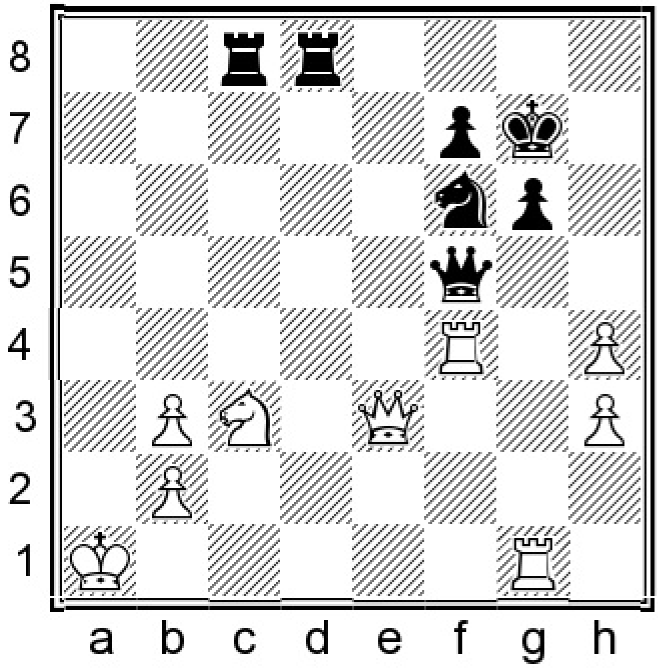
24.♗xf6! ♗xf6 25.♖h5+ ♘h7 26.e5 g6 27.♕h6 ♖g7 28.exf6 ♕xf6 29.♖b5 b3 30.axb3 axb3 31.cxb3 ♗d7 32.♖b4 ♗f5 33.♕e3 ♖gg8 34.♗xf5 ♕xf5+ 35.♔a1

35.♕e4! ♕xe4+ 36.♖xe4 ♘f6 37.♖f4 ♖c6 38.♖gf1 ♔g7 39.♘c3±

35...♖ge8 36.♕d4+ ♘f6 37.♘c3 ♖ed8 38.♕e3?!

38.♕f4 ♖a8+ 39.♘a4 ♘d5 40.♕xf5 gxf5 41.♖c4±

38...♔g7 39.♖f4



39...♕a5+?

39...♖a8+ 40.♘a4 (40.♖a4 ♕c2 41.♖xa8 ♖xa8+ 42.♘a4 ♘e4=) 40...♖d3 41.♖xf5 ♖xe3 42.h5 ♖xb3 43.hxg6 ♖xa4+ 44.♔b1 fxg6 45.♖fg5 ♔f7 46.♖xg6 ♖f4=

40.♘a4

40.♔b1 ♖d7 41.♖gf1 ♘h5 42.♖c4+-

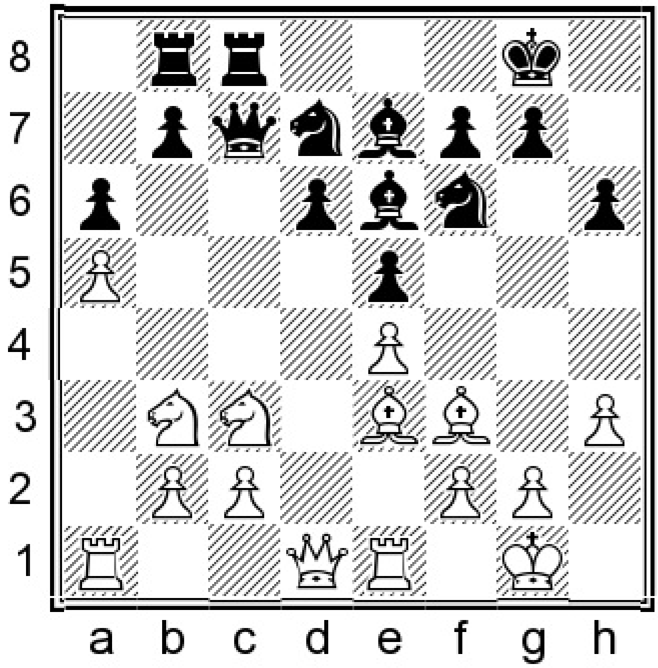
40...♘d5?!

40...♖c6 41.♖gf1 ♕b5 42.♖4f3±

41.♕e5+ ♔g8 42.♖d4+- ♖c5 43.♖gd1 f6 44.♕e4 ♔f8 45.♕xg6 1-0

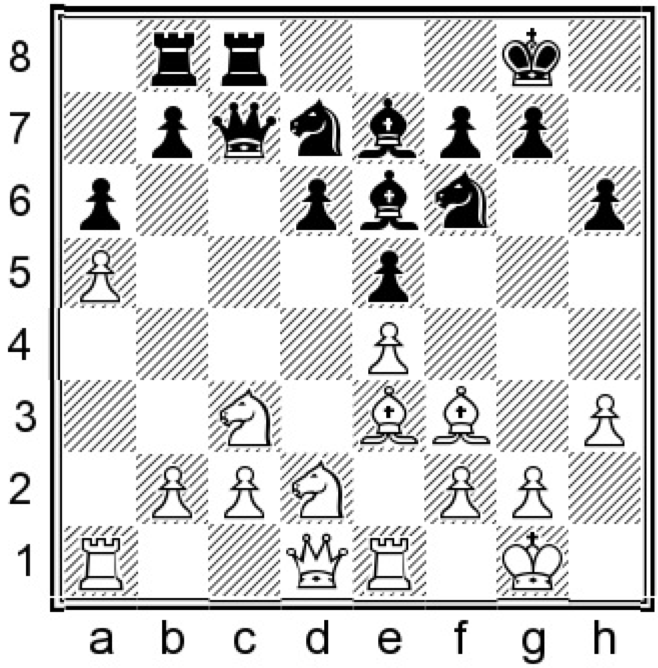
104. * B92
Sevian, Samuel (2684) - Wei, Yi (2727)
chess24.com (Int.-m/5-blitz) 153/104, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♖e1 ♗e6 10.♗f3 ♘bd7 11.a4 ♕c7 12.a5 ♖fc8 13.♗e3 h6 14.h3 ♖ab8



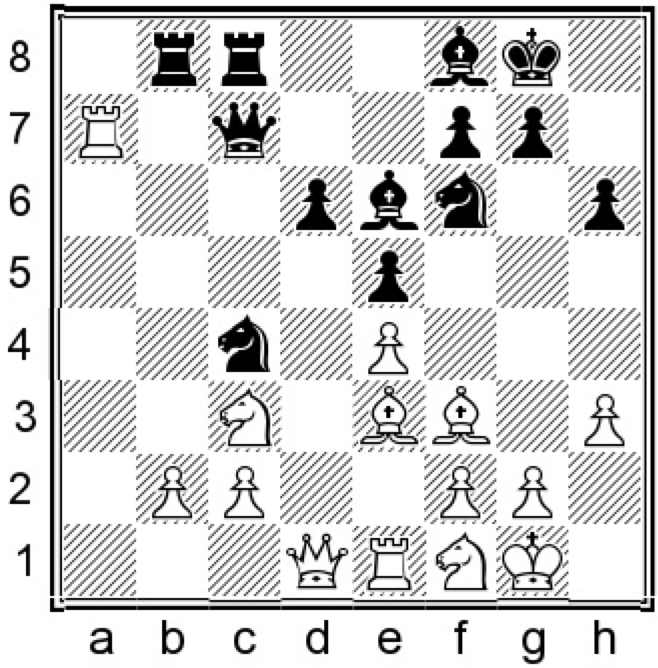
14...b5 - 110/(125)

15.♘d2



15...♗d8! - 153/104

15...♗f8N 16.♘f1 b5 17.axb6 ♘xb6 18.♖xa6 ♘c4 19.♖a7



19...♕d8?! (19...♖b7 20.♖xb7 ♕xb7 21.b3 ♕b4 22.♘d5 ♗xd5 23.exd5 ♘xe3 24.♘xe3±) 20.b3 ♘xe3 21.♖xe3 d5 22.exd5 (22.♘xd5 ♗xd5 23.exd5 ♗c5 24.♖a1±) 22...♗c5 23.♖a6 ♗xe3 24.♘xe3 ♖xc3 25.dxe6 ♕xd1+ 26.♗xd1 ♖d8?! (26...fxe6 27.♖xe6±) 27.♗e2 fxe6 28.♖xe6 e4 29.♗c4 ♔h7 30.g4+- Sevian,S (2684) -Wei,Y (2727) chess24.com (Int. -m/2-rapid) 153/(104) 2022

16.♖e2N

16.♘f1 b5 17.axb6 ♘xb6 18.♗c1 ♕d7 (18...a5 19.♖xa5 ♘c4 20.♖a2 ♘xb2 21.♖xb2 ♕xc3 22.♖xb8 ♖xb8 23.♕xd6 ♗c7 24.♕d1 ♕c6 25.♘e3 ♖d8 26.♕e2 ♘xe4=) 19.♘e3 (19.♖e2 ♕c6 20.♘e3 ♘c4 21.♘xc4 ♗xc4 22.♖d2 ♗c7∞) 19...♘c4 20.♘a4 ♗a5 21.♖e2 ♘xe3 22.♖xe3 ♕c6=

16...b5 17.axb6 ♘xb6 18.♖e1 ♘c4

18...♘bd7!? 19.♘b3 a5 20.♗e2 ♖b4= (20...♕c6!?)

19.♘xc4 ♗xc4 20.♘a4

20.b3 ♗e6 21.♗d2 a5 22.♖a2 ♕c6 23.♘a4 ♕b7 24.♕e2 ♗d7∞

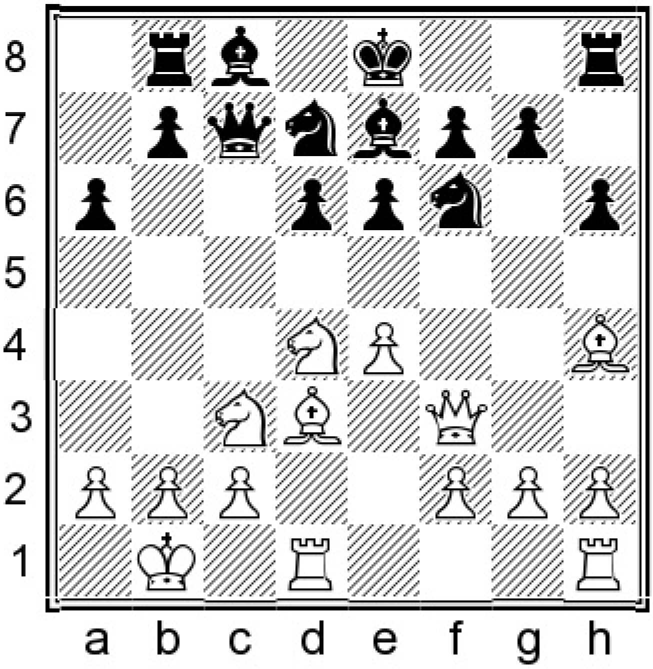
20...♗e6 21.♖e2 ♕c6 22.b3 d5 23.exd5 ♗xd5 24.♗xd5 ♘xd5 25.c4 ♘xe3 26.♖xe3 ♕b7= 27.♕f3 ♗g5 28.♕xb7 ♖xb7 29.♖c3 e4 30.♖d1 f5 31.♖d5 ♗f6 32.♖e3 ♗g5 33.♖c3 ♗f6 34.♖e3 ♗g5 35.♖c3 1/2-1/2

105. B95
Azarov, Sergei (2588) - Idani, Pouya (2635)
Sharjah 153/105, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕f3 h6 8.♗h4 ♘bd7 9.O-O-O ♕c7 10.♗d3

10.♕h3 - 34/358

10...♗e7 11.♔b1 ♖b8



12.♕h3N

12.g4; 12.♕e2

12...b5 13.f4 b4 14.♘a4

14.♘ce2 ♘c5 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.g4 ♗d7∓

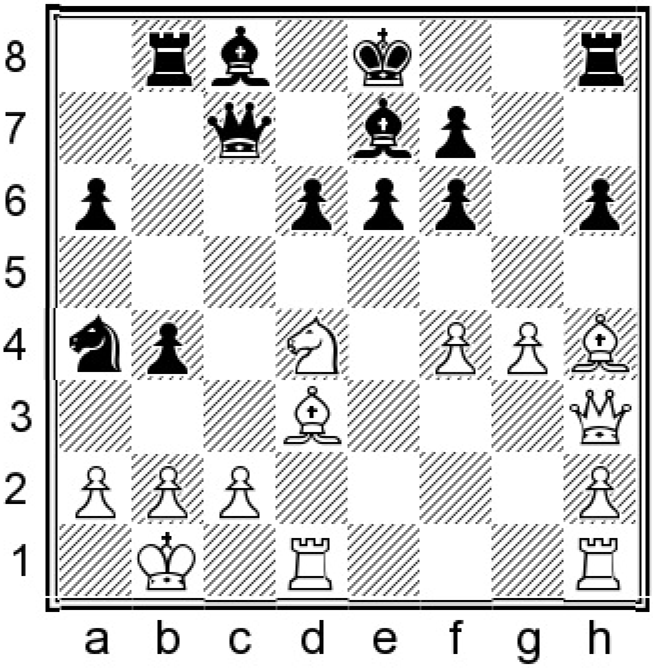
14...♘c5 15.e5 ♘xa4

15...dxe5?! 16.fxe5 ♘d5 17.♗xe7 ♘xe7 18.♘xc5 ♕xc5 19.♖he1 ♗d7 20.♗e4±

16.exf6 gxf6

16...♗xf6? 17.♗xf6 gxf6 18.♕h4 ♔e7 19.♖he1±

17.g4



17...h5! 18.♗e1

18.g5 e5 19.♘f5 ♘c3+! 20.bxc3 bxc3+ 21.♔a1 ♖b2 22.♖de1 ♗e6-+

18...♗d7

18...e5!? 19.♘f5 ♘c3+ 20.♗xc3 bxc3 21.b3 d5 22.fxe5 fxe5 23.♖he1 ♔f8∞

19.b3?

19.♘b3 d5 20.♖g1 ♖c8 21.gxh5 ♗b5∞

19...♘c3+ 20.♗xc3 bxc3 21.♖he1 ♕a5 22.♗f1 ♖c8 23.♖e3 d5

23...♕a3 24.♖xc3 ♖xc3 25.♕xc3 hxg4 26.♕g3 e5 27.fxe5 fxe5 28.♘e2 ♕c5-+

24.♘e2 ♗b4 25.f5 e5-+ 26.a3 ♕xa3 27.♘xc3 ♖c5 28.♗b5 ♗xc3

28...♗xc3 29.♗xd7+ ♔xd7 30.♖xc3 ♖a5

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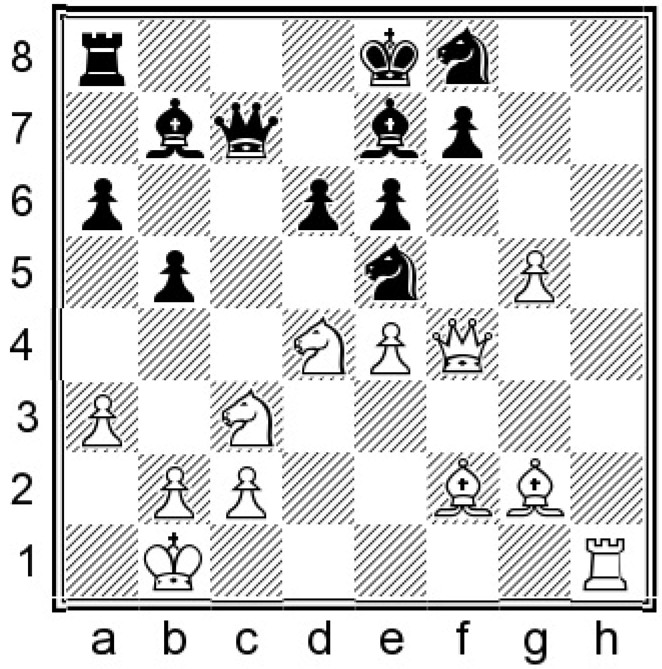
106. * B96
Pranav, V. (2512) - Stoyanov, Tsvetan (2450)
Beograd 153/106, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 h6 8.♗h4 ♕b6 9.a3 ♗e7 10.♗f2 ♕c7 11.♕f3 ♘bd7 12.O-O-O b5 13.g4 ♗b7 14.♗g2 g5 15.h4 gxf4 16.g5 ♘e5 17.♕xf4 hxg5 18.hxg5 ♖xh1 19.♖xh1 ♘fd7 20.♔b1 ♘f8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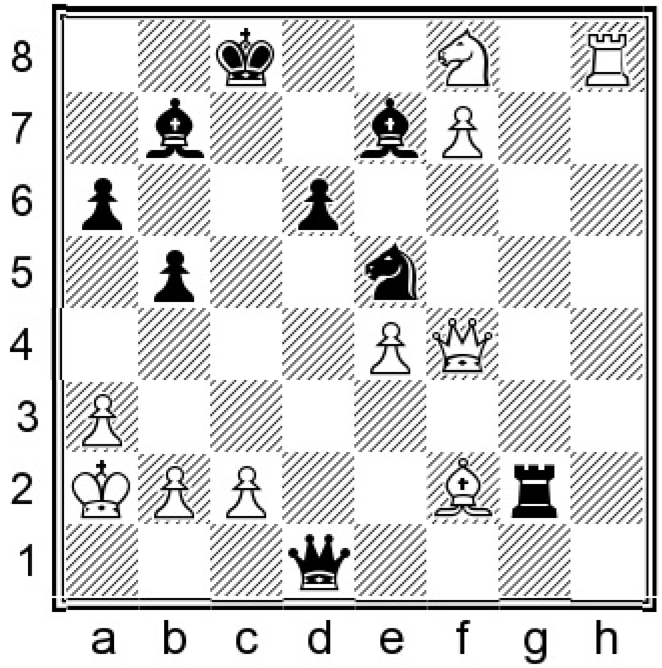
20...O-O-O 21.g6 (21.♖h3 - 135/90) 21...♖g8 22.gxf7 ♖xg2 23.♘xe6 ♕c4 24.♖h8+ ♘f8 25.♘xf8 ♕f1+ 26.♘d1 ♕xd1+ 27.♔a2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27...♗d5+N (27...♕xc2 28.♘e6+ ♔d7 29.f8=♕ ♗xf8 30.♕xf8 ♕c4+=) 28.exd5 ♕xd5+ 29.b3 ♕xf7! 30.♕e4 ♕f3 31.♘g6+ ♔c7 32.♕xf3 ♘xf3 33.♘xe7 ♖xf2= 34.♘d5+ ♔d7 35.♖h7+ ♔e6 (35...♔c6 36.♘b4+ ♔b6 37.♘d5+ ♔c5=) 36.♘c7+ ♔e5 37.♔b1 ♘d4 38.♖h5+ ♔e4 39.♖h4+ ♔e5 40.♖h5+ ♔e4 1/2 (40) Neuhoff,L (1866)-Womacka,M (2425) Schwarzach im Pongau 153/(106) 2022

21.♕g3N

21.♖h6

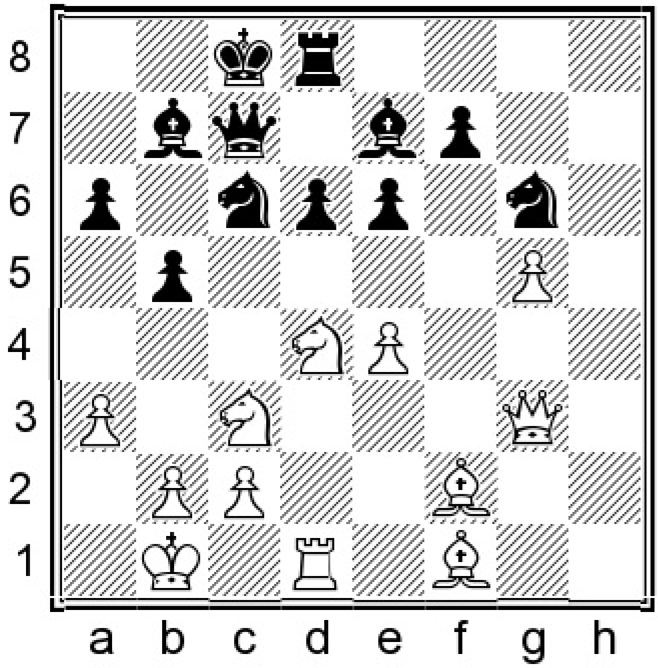
21...O-O-O 22.♖d1 ♘fg6?!

22...♘fd7 23.♗f1 (23.g6 ♖g8 24.g7 ♔b8 25.♖h1 ♗f6 26.♖h7 ♘c4 27.♘de2 ♕d8 28.♗d4 ♗xd4 29.♘xd4 ♘f6∞) 23...♘c5 24.♕h4 ♔b8∞

23.♗f1

23.♗h3!? ♔b8 (23...♕d7 24.♘f5 ♔b8 25.♘xe7 ♕xe7 26.♗f1±) 24.♗xe6 fxe6 25.♘xe6 ♕d7 26.♘xd8 ♗xd8 27.♗e3 ♕e6 28.♕f2 ♘c4 29.♗c1±

23...♘c6



24.♕g1

24.a4! bxa4 (24...b4 25.♘xc6 ♕xc6 26.♖d4!+-) 25.♘xa4 ♘ge5 (25...♔b8 26.♖d3 ♘ge5 27.♖c3±) 26.g6! ♘xg6 (26...♖g8 27.g7±) 27.♘xe6 fxe6 28.♕xg6±

24...♘xd4 25.♗xd4 ♖g8 26.♖d3

26.a4 b4 27.♗b6 ♕d7 28.♘a2 ♕xa4 29.♖d4 ♘e5 30.♖xb4 ♕c6 31.♗e3±

26...♔b8 27.♖g3 ♘e5 28.♗e2 ♘c4 29.♗d3

29.♗xc4 ♕xc4 30.b3 ♕c7 31.♔b2±

29...♘e5 30.♗e2 ♘c4 31.♔a2 ♕d8?

31...♘e5 32.♗b6 ♕c6∞

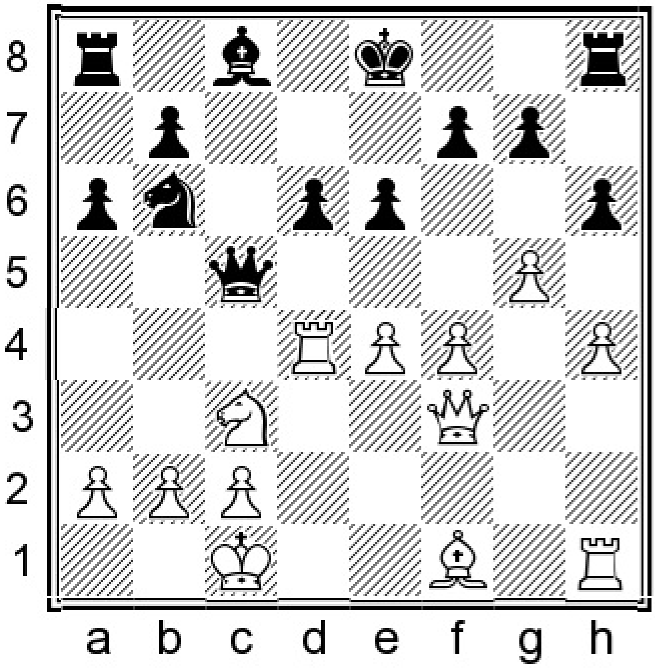
32.♗xc4 bxc4 33.♗e3 ♕c7 34.♕f1 ♖g7 35.♖f3 ♗d8 36.♕h3+- ♕e7 37.♕h8 ♖g6 38.♗b6 1-0

107. * B99
Hong, Andrew Z (2504) - Brodsky, David (2496)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♗e7 8.♕f3 ♕c7 9.O-O-O ♘bd7 10.g4 h6 11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.h4 ♘b6

12...♕b6 - 106/75

13.g5 ♗xd4 14.♖xd4 ♕c5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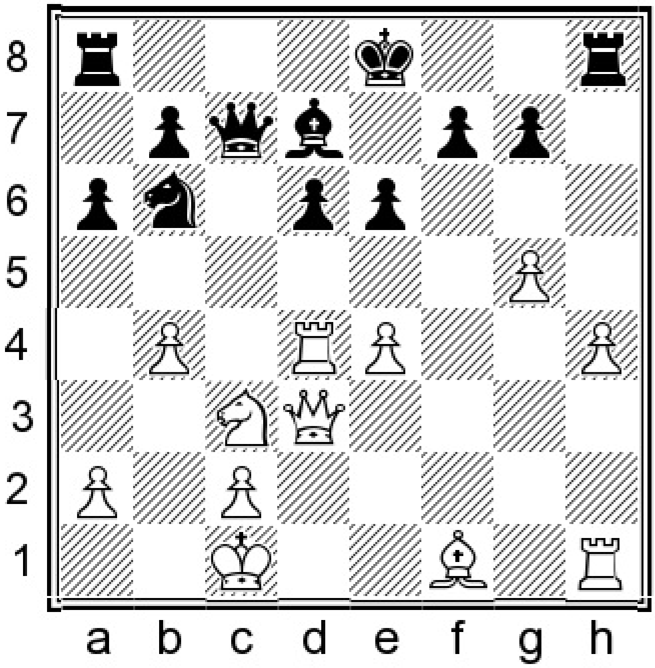
15.♕f2!?N

15.♕d3 - 153/(107) 15...hxg5 16.b4 ♕c7 17.fxg5 ♗d7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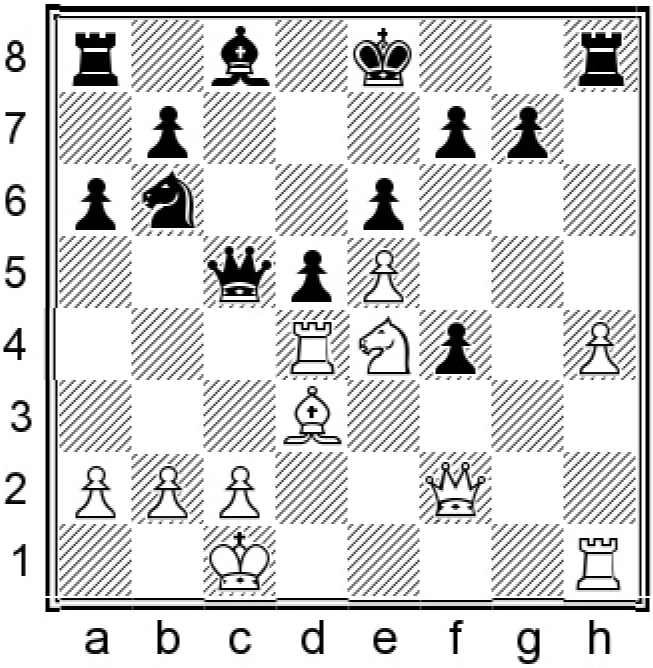
18.♖xd6N (18.g6) 18...♘c8 19.♖d4 ♘b6 20.g6 (20.♖d6=) 20...fxg6 21.♖d6 (21.a4 O-O-O 22.a5 ♘a4 23.♘xa4 ♗xa4 24.♖c4 ♗c6 25.♕e3 ♔b8=) 21...O-O-O 22.♗h3 e5 (22...♔b8 23.♖d1 ♖c8 24.♗xe6 ♗xe6 25.♖xe6 ♕xc3 (25...♘c4 26.♘d5 ♕h2 27.♘b6 ♘xb6 28.♖xb6 ♖xc2+ 29.♕xc2 ♖c8 30.♕xc8+ ♔xc8 31.♖xg6=) 26.♕xc3 ♖xc3 27.♖xb6 ♖xh4=) 23.♗xd7+ ♖xd7 24.♖xd7 ♕xd7 25.♖g1 ♕c6 26.♘d5 ♔b8 27.♕c3 ♕xc3 28.♘xc3 ♖xh4 29.♖xg6 ♘c4 30.♖xg7 ♖h1+ 31.♘d1 ♖e1= Roebers,E (2331)-Cvitan,O (2458) Terme Catez 153/ (107) 2022

15...hxg5 16.e5! gxf4 17.♗d3

17.exd6 e5 18.♖xf4 ♕xf2 19.♖xf2 ♗g4∞

17...f5?

17...d5! 18.♘e4



(18.♖f1 ♗d7 19.♖xf4 ♕xf2 20.♖1xf2 f5! 21.exf6 gxf6 22.♖b4 (22.♖xf6 ♔e7 23.♖6f4 ♔d6∓) 22...♘c4 23.♗xc4 ♖xh4 24.♖xb7 ♖xc4 25.♖xf6 O-O-O 26.♖a7 ♖c6=) 18...dxe4! 19.♖d8+ ♔xd8 20.♕xc5 ♘d7 21.♕g1 exd3 22.♕xg7 ♖h5 23.♕xf7 (23.cxd3 ♔e8 24.♕g4 ♖xe5 25.h5 ♘f6 26.♕g7 ♖c5+ 27.♔d2 ♔e7 28.h6 e5 29.h7 ♘xh7 30.♖xh7 ♗e6=) 23...♖f5 24.♕xe6 d2+ 25.♔xd2 ♘xe5 26.♕d6+ ♗d7 27.♔c1 ♘c4 28.♕d4 ♖c8 29.♖d1 ♖c7 30.♕h8+ ♔e7 31.♕g7+ ♔e6 32.♕g6+ ♔e7 33.♕g7+= (33.♖xd7+? ♖xd7 34.♕xf5 ♖d1+ 35.♔xd1 ♘e3+-+)

18.exf6 e5 19.fxg7 ♖g8 20.♗g6+ ♔e7 21.h5! ♕xd4

21...exd4 22.♘e4 ♕e5 23.♕h4+ ♔d7 24.♘f6++-

22.♕h4+ ♔d7 23.h6+- ♔c6 24.♗e4+ ♔c7 25.♕f6 ♗d7 26.♖d1 ♕e3+ 27.♔b1 ♔b8 28.h7

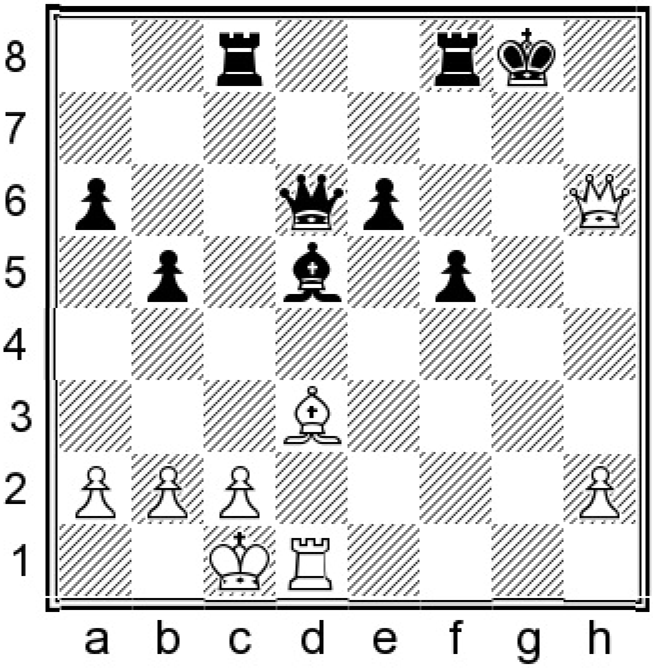
28.♕xd6+ ♔a7 29.♕c7 ♖ab8 30.h7

28...♔a7 29.hxg8=♕ ♖xg8 30.♕f7 ♖c8 31.g8=♕ ♖xc3 32.bxc3 ♕xe4 33.♕ff8 ♘c8 34.♕g1+ 1-0

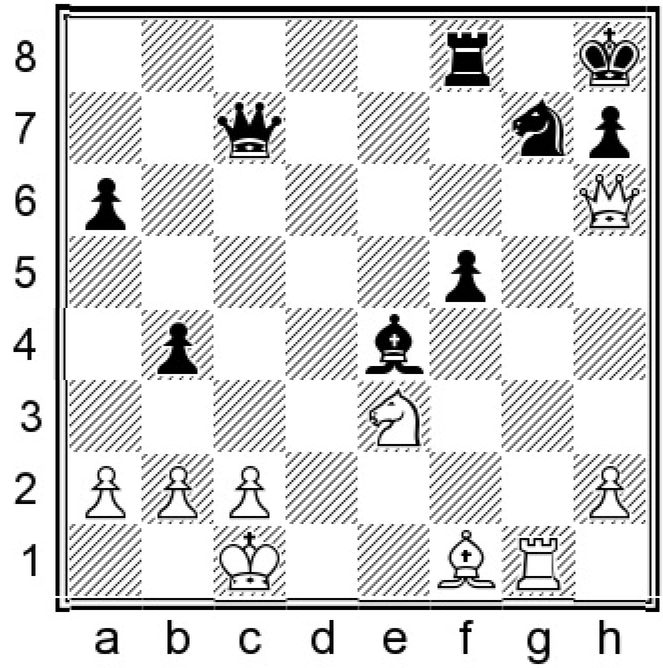
108. ** !N B99
Burke, John M (2573) - Matviishen, Viktor (2506)
Rockville 153/108, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♗e7 8.♕f3 ♕c7 9.O-O-O ♘bd7 10.g4 b5 11.♗xf6 ♘xf6 12.g5 ♘d7 13.f5 O-O 14.♖g1

14.f6 gxf6 15.gxf6 ♘xf6 16.e5 dxe5 17.♘c6 ♗b7 18.♕g3+ ♔h8 19.♘xe5 ♗d8 (19...♗d6 20.♖xd6 ♗xh1 21.♖d1 ♖ac8 22.♗d3 ♗d5 23.♕g5 ♘e4 24.♘xe4 f5 25.♘d6 ♕xd6 26.♘g6+ hxg6 27.♕h6+ ♔g8 28.♕xg6+ ♔h8 29.♕h6+ ♔g8



30.♖g1+N (30.♕g6+) 30...♔f7 31.♖g7+ ♔e8= 32.♕h5+ ♔d8 33.♕h4+ ♔e8 34.♕h5+ 1/2 (34) Fier,A (2567)-Delgado Ramirez,N (2614) Gijon 153/(108) 2022) 20.♖xd8 ♖axd8 21.♖g1 ♘e8 22.♕g5 f5 23.♕h6 ♘g7 24.♘g6+ ♔g8 25.♘xf8 ♖xf8 26.♕xe6+ ♔h8 27.♕h6 b4 28.♘d1 ♗e4 29.♘e3



29...f4N (29...a5 30.♘c4 ♖c8 31.♗d3 ♗xd3 32.cxd3 ♕e5! 33.♔b1 ♕d4 34.♖g3 a4=) 30.♘c4 ♕e7 31.♕g5 ♕xg5 32.♖xg5 1/2 (32) Rios,C (2449)-Delgado Ramirez,N (2622) Guwahati 153/(108) 2022 (32.♖xg5 ♘f5=)

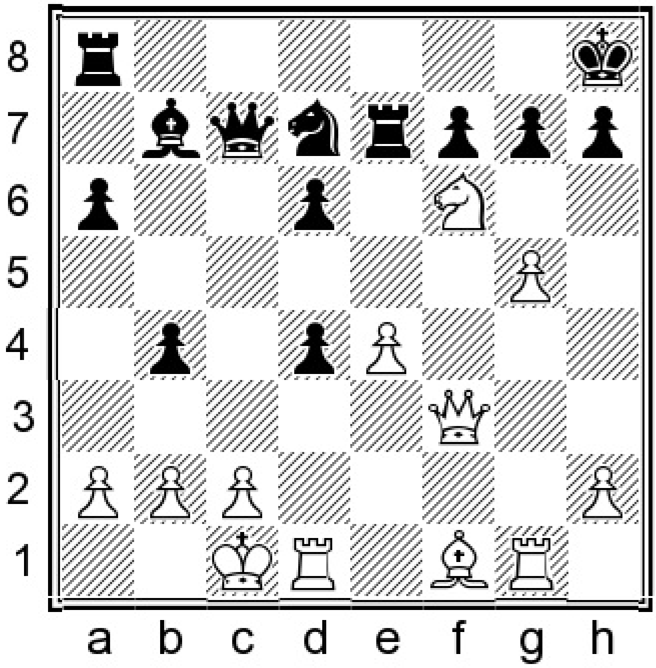
14...b4 15.♘ce2 e5 16.f6

16.♘b3 - 134/(85)

16...exd4 17.fxe7 ♖e8 18.♘f4 ♗b7

18...♘e5!? 19.♕f2 (19.♕h5? ♗b7 20.♘d5 ♗xd5 21.exd5 ♖ac8 22.♖g2 ♖xe7∓) 19...♗e6 (19...♗b7 20.♖xd4 ♕c5 (20...a5?! 21.♘h5 ♔h8 22.♘f6! gxf6 23.gxf6 ♖g8 24.♖g3±) 21.♘d3 ♘xd3+ 22.♗xd3 ♖xe7 23.h4 a5∞) 20.♖xd4 ♕a5 21.♘xe6 fxe6 22.♔b1 ♕c5∞

19.♘h5 ♖xe7 20.♘f6+ ♔h8



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21...♖e5?

21...♘e5 22.♕h5 h6 23.♔b1 a5 24.♖df1±; 21...g6!? 22.h4 (22.♘xd7 ♕xd7 23.♕f6+ ♔g8 24.♕xd4 a5∞) 22...♘xf6 23.♕xf6+ (23.gxf6 ♖e5 24.♕f4 ♖h5∞) 23...♔g8 24.h5 ♖e6 25.♕xd4 ♕c5 26.♕xc5 dxc5∞; 21...♘f8!? 22.h4 gxf6 23.gxf6 ♖e5 24.♖g7 ♘e6 25.♕g4 ♖f8 26.♕xe6!? ♖xe6 27.e5 ♗g2 28.♖xh7+ ♔g8 29.♖g7+ ♔h8 30.♖g1 ♕c6=

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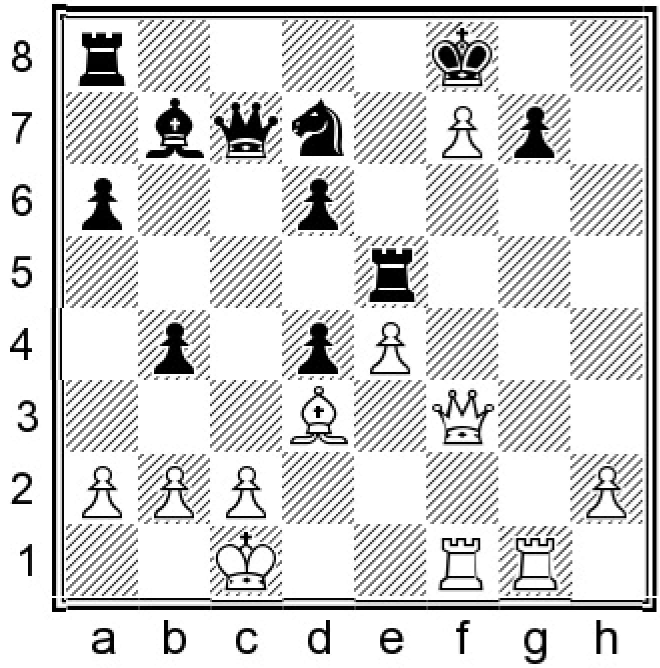
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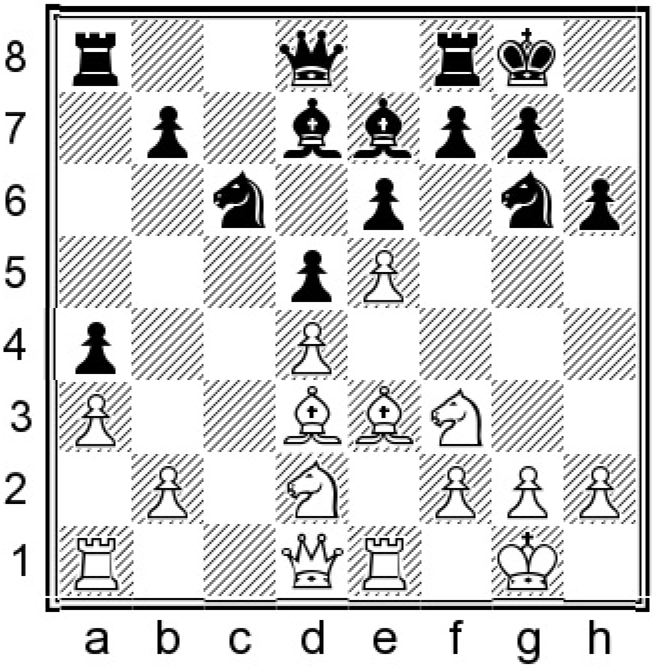
109. C02
Idani, Pouya (2641) - Sychev, Klementy (2547)
Turkiye 153/109, 2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗d7 6.♗e2 ♘ge7 7.O-O ♘g6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♘bd2 O-O 10.a3 h6 11.♗d3 cxd4 12.cxd4 a5 13.♖e1 a4



14.g3!?N

14.♕e2 - 151/97

14...♗e8

14...♘a5 15.h4 ♖e8 16.♕e2 ♕b6 17.♖ab1 ♖ec8 18.h5 ♘f8 19.♘h2±

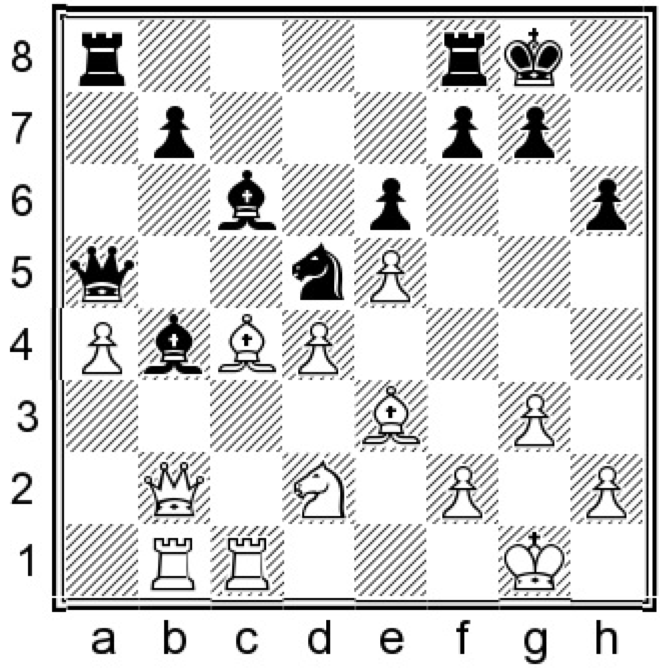
15.b4

15.h4 f5 16.exf6 ♗xf6∞

15...axb3 16.♕xb3 ♘a5 17.♕b2 ♘c4!?

17...♗c6∞

18.♘xc4 dxc4 19.♗xc4 ♗c6 20.♘d2 ♕a5 21.a4 ♗b4 22.♖ec1 ♘e7 23.♖ab1 ♘d5



24.♗xd5!

24.♘f1 ♘xe3 (24...♗e7) 25.fxe3 ♗e7 26.♗b5 ♗d5⩱

24...♗xd2

24...♕xd5?? 25.♖xc6 ♗xd2 26.♖d6+-

25.♖c5 ♗xd5!

25...♕d8 26.♗xc6 ♗xe3 27.fxe3 bxc6 28.♖a1±

26.♖xa5 ♗xa5 27.h4 ♖fc8 28.♔h2 ♗d8 29.♖a1 ♖a6 30.♕b5

30.♔h3!?

30...♗c6 31.♕c4 ♖ca8 32.♕b3 ♗e7 33.h5 ♗d5 34.♕b5

34.♕c2

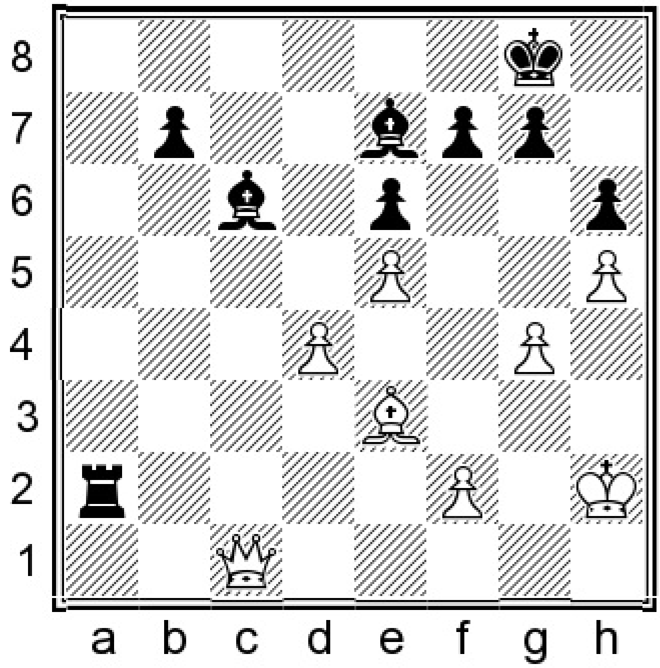
34...♗c6 35.♕b3 ♖xa4

35...♗d5 36.♕c2 ♗c6 37.g4

36.♖xa4 ♖xa4 37.♕d1 ♖a3

37...♖a2! 38.♕c1 ♗d5 39.♕c8+ ♔h7 40.♕e8 ♖a1 41.♔h3

38.♕c1 ♖a8 39.g4 ♖a2

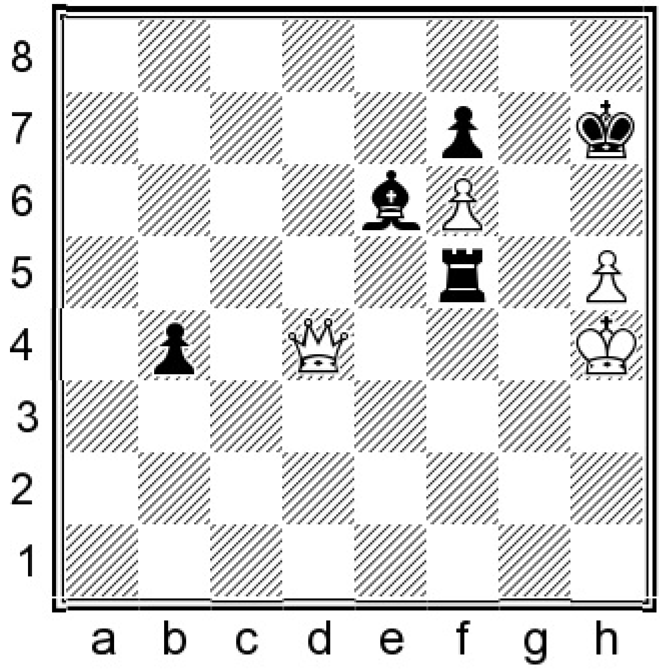


40.d5! exd5

40...♗xd5 41.♕c8+ ♔h7 42.♕e8 ♗g5 43.♗xg5! ♖xf2+ 44.♔g3 ♖f3+ 45.♔h4 hxg5+ 46.♔xg5+-

41.♕b1 ♖a8 42.♕f5 d4 43.♗xd4 ♖e8 44.♕c2 ♖d8 45.♕c3 ♗f8 46.f4 ♖d5 47.f5 ♗e7 48.♕c4 ♗f8 49.♔h3 ♗e7 50.♕c3 ♗f8 51.♕e3 ♗e7 52.f6 gxf6 53.exf6 ♗f8 54.♗e5 ♖a5 55.♔h4 ♗d7 56.♕d4 ♗e6 57.♗f4 ♖d5 58.♕a1 ♖d8 59.♕b2 ♖d7 60.♕c3 b5 61.♕e3 ♔h7 62.♕e4+ ♔g8 63.♕e3 ♔h7 64.♗xh6!+- ♗xh6 65.g5 ♗xg5+ 66.♔xg5 ♖d5+ 67.♔h4 ♖f5 68.♕d4 ♔h6

68...b4



69.h6!! ♖f3 70.♕e4+ ♖f5 71.♕g4

69.♕d2+

69.♕g4

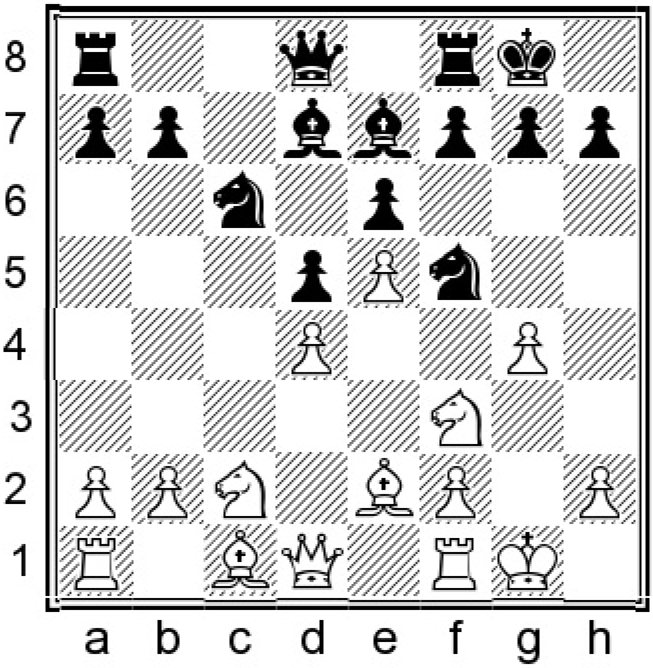
69...♔h7 70.♕d4 ♔h6 71.♕g4 1-0

110. C02
Maghsoodloo, Parham (2716) - Vallejo Pons, Francisco (2703)
Praha 153/110, 2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗d7 6.♗e2 ♘ge7 7.♘a3 ♘f5 8.♘c2 ♗e7 9.O-O cxd4 10.cxd4 O-O

10...g5 - 84/(219)

11.g4



11...♘h6N

11...♘h4 12.♘xh4 ♗xh4 13.f4 f6 14.♗e3 fxe5 15.dxe5 ♗e7∞

12.h3 f6 13.exf6 ♖xf6 14.♘ce1!?

14.g5 ♖xf3! 15.♗xf3 ♗xg5 16.♗g4□ ♘xg4 17.♗xg5 (17.hxg4 ♗f6=∞) 17...♕xg5 18.♕xg4 ♕f6=∞

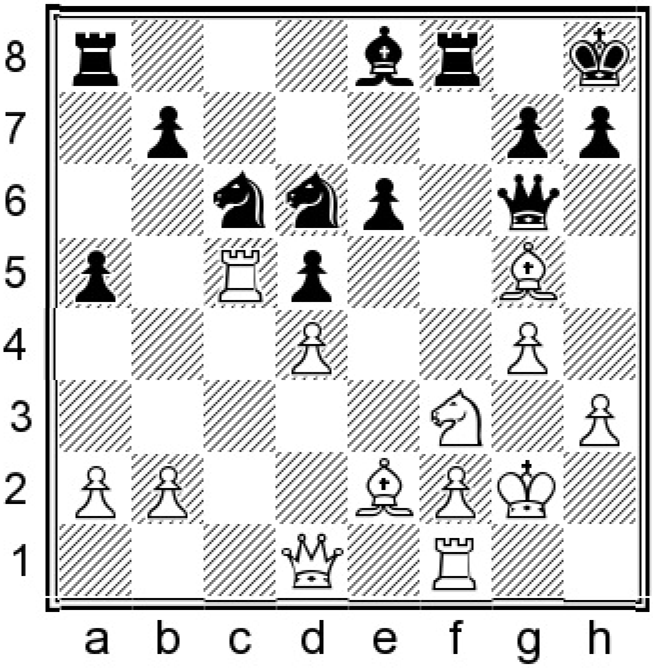
14...♖f8

14...♘f7!? 15.♘d3 ♗d6 16.b4 ♕e7 17.♖b1 a6∞

15.♘d3 ♘f7 16.♗e3 ♗d6 17.♕d2 ♔h8 18.♖ac1 a5 19.♔g2

19.♘g5!? ♘xg5 20.♗xg5 ♕e8 21.♘c5 e5 22.♘xd7 ♕xd7 23.dxe5 ♗xe5 24.f4 ♗c7∞

19...♕f6 20.♘c5 ♗xc5 21.♖xc5 ♘d6 22.♕d1 ♗e8 23.♗g5 ♕g6



24.♗d3

24.♖xc6! ♗xc6 25.♗e7 ♖xf3 (25...♘e4 26.♘e5 ♕e8 27.♗xf8 ♕xf8 28.f3 ♘d6 29.♕d2±) 26.♗xd6! (26.♗xf3 ♘f5 27.♗a3 ♗b5 28.♖e1 ♗d3!∞) 26...♖f7 27.♗e5 ♗a4!? 28.b3 ♗e8 29.f4±

24...♘e4 25.♗e3 ♕f6 26.♗xe4 dxe4 27.♘g5 ♗g6?

27...b6! 28.♖c1 (28.♖b5 h6 29.♘xe4 ♕e7 30.♖xb6 ♘b4⯹) 28...♘b4 29.a3 ♘d5 30.♘xe4 ♕g6 31.♘c3 (31.♘d6 ♖d8 32.♘xe8 ♕e4+ 33.♔h2 ♖dxe8⯹) 31...♗c6⯹

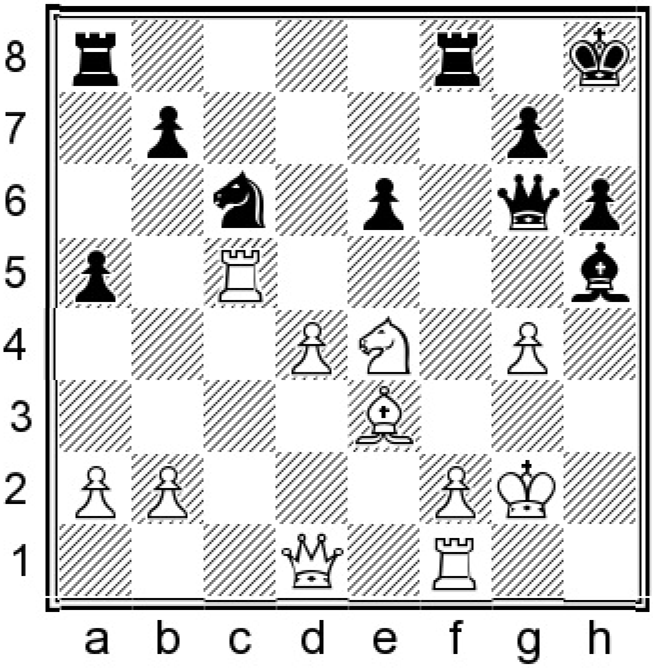
28.h4

28.♘xe6! ♕xe6 29.d5 ♕f6 30.dxc6 bxc6 31.♕c2 h5 32.♖g1! hxg4 33.hxg4±

28...h6 29.h5 ♗xh5

29...♗h7! 30.♘xh7 ♔xh7 31.f3 (31.g5 hxg5 32.♖xg5 ♖ad8∞) 31...exf3+ 32.♖xf3 ♕h4

30.♘xe4 ♕g6



31.♘g5! hxg5 32.♖h1 ♕e4+ 33.♔g3 ♔g8 34.♖xh5 ♖ad8 35.♕h1 ♕xh1 36.♖xh1 ♘xd4 37.♖xa5

37.♖xg5 a4 38.♖a5 b5 39.♖h5±

37...♘e2+ 38.♔h2 ♖d5?!

38...♘f4! 39.♖xg5 (39.♖e1 ♘d5±) 39...♘d3 40.♔g3 ♘xb2 41.♖b1 ♘c4 42.♖xb7 ♖f7 43.♖xf7 ♔xf7 44.♗f4 ♖d3+ 45.♔g2±

39.♖xd5 exd5 40.♖e1 ♘f4 41.♔g3 ♖c8 42.♖d1

42.♗xf4! gxf4+ 43.♔f3 ♔f7 44.♖e5 ♖c2 45.♖e2 ♖c4 46.g5 b5 47.b3 ♖d4 48.♔g4±

42...♔f7 43.♔f3 ♔e6

⌓43...♖c2 44.♖d2 ♖xd2 45.♗xd2 ♘e6 46.a4 ♔e7 47.b4±

44.♖d4 ♔e5 45.♖b4 ♖h8?

45...♖f8! 46.♗d4+ ♔d6 47.♔e3 (47.♖xb7 ♘e6+ 48.♔e3 ♘xd4 49.♔xd4 ♖xf2 50.♖b6+ ♔c7 51.♖b5 ♖f4+ 52.♔xd5 ♖xg4±) 47...♔c6 48.♗xg7 ♖f7 49.♗d4 b5±

46.♗xf4+ gxf4 47.♖xb7+- g5 48.a4 ♖h1 49.a5 ♖a1 50.♖b5 ♔d4 51.b3?

51.♖b4+! ♔e5 (51...♔d3 52.♖b3+ ♔c2 53.♖c3+ ♔xb2 54.♖c5+-) 52.♖b6 ♖xa5 53.♖g6 ♖b5 54.♖xg5+ ♔d6 (54...♔f6 55.♖f5+ ♔g6 56.♔xf4 ♖xb2 57.f3+-) 55.♔xf4 ♖xb2 56.f3+-

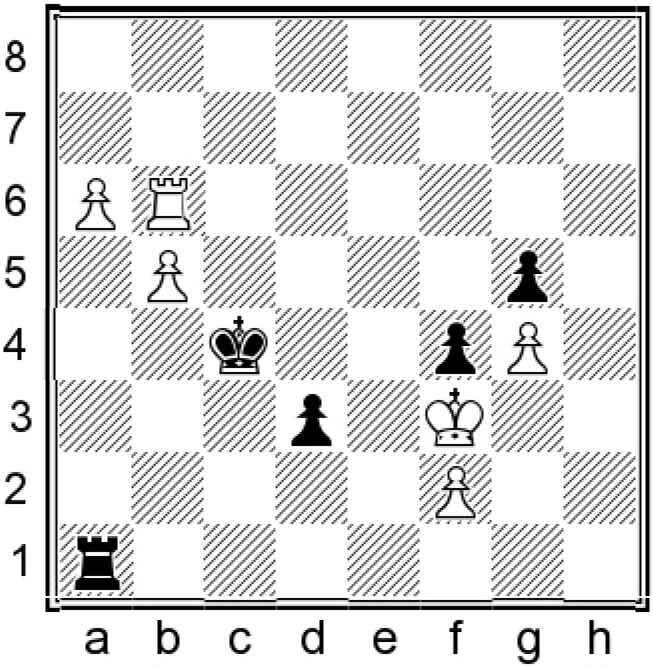
51...♖a2 52.♔g2 ♖a3 53.b4 ♖a4 54.♖b6 ♔c4?

54...♔c3! 55.a6 (55.♔f3 d4 56.♖c6+ ♔d2! 57.♖c5 ♖xb4 58.♖xg5 d3=; 55.b5 ♖xa5 56.♖c6+ ♔d4 57.♖g6 ♖xb5 58.♖xg5=) 55...d4 56.b5 d3 57.♖c6+ (57.♔f3 d2 58.♖d6 ♔c2=) 57...♔b3 58.b6 ♖xa6 59.b7 ♖xc6 60.b8=♕+ ♔c2=

55.a6! d4 56.b5 d3 57.♔f3?

57.♖d6! ♔xb5 (57...♔c3 58.b6 ♖xa6 59.b7 ♖xd6 60.b8=♕+-) 58.♖xd3 ♔c6 (58...♔xa6 59.♖d5+-) 59.♖h3! ♔d5 60.♖h6+-

57...♖a1?



57...♔b3 58.♖d6 ♔c2 59.b6 ♖xa6 60.b7 ♖xd6 61.b8=♕ ♖c6!=; 57...♔c5 58.♖g6 ♔xb5 59.♖xg5+ ♔c4=

58.♖d6! ♔xb5

58...♔c3 59.b6 ♖xa6 60.b7 ♖xd6 61.b8=♕ ♖c6 62.♕b5 ♖c4 63.♕xg5 d2 64.♕a5+ ♔c2 65.♕a2+ ♔c3 66.♕b1 ♖d4 67.♕d1+-

59.♖xd3 ♔c6 60.♔e4! ♖xa6 61.♔f5 ♖a5+ 62.♔f6 ♔c7 63.♖d4 ♖b5 64.f3 ♖a5

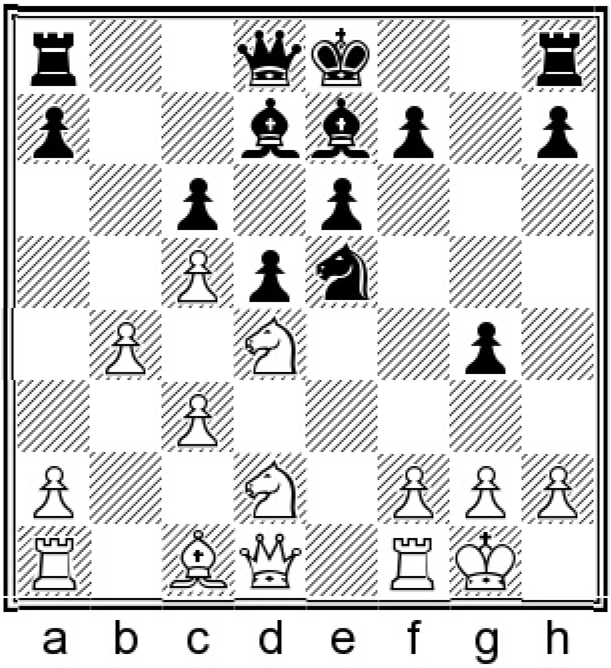
64...♖b3 65.♔xg5 ♖xf3 66.♖xf4+-

65.♖d3 ♖b5 66.♔g6 ♖e5 67.♖d4 ♖c5 68.♔f6 ♖b5 69.♖e4 ♔d6 70.♖e6+ ♔d7 71.♖e5 ♖b3 72.♔xg5 ♖xf3 73.♖e4 ♖e3 74.♖xf4 ♔e8 75.♔g6 ♖e7 76.g5 ♖a7 77.♔h6 ♖f7 78.♖xf7 ♔xf7 79.♔h7 1-0

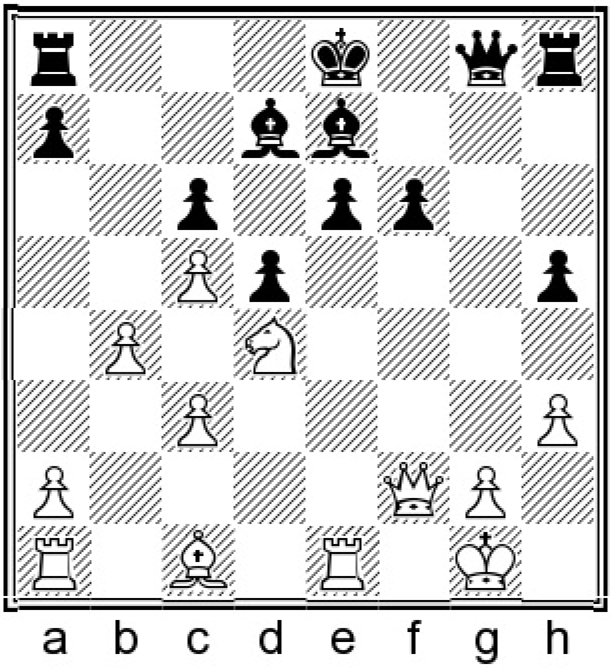
111. * C03
Gormally, Daniel (2466) - Merriman, John (2297)
Great Britain (ch) 153/111, 2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♗e7

3...♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘gf3 ♗e7 8.O-O g5 9.dxc5 g4 10.♘d4 ♘dxe5 11.♗b5 (11.♘2b3 - 82/270) 11...♗d7 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.b4



(13.f4! ♘d3 14.b4±) 13...h5N (13...♘g6!? 14.♕xg4 ♕c8=∞) 14.♕e2 ♕c7 15.f4 gxf3 16.♘2xf3 f6 17.♘xe5 ♕xe5 18.♕f2 ♕e4 (18...♕c7 19.♗g5! fxg5 20.♕f7+ ♔d8 21.♖ae1±) 19.♖e1 ♕g4 20.h3 ♕g8

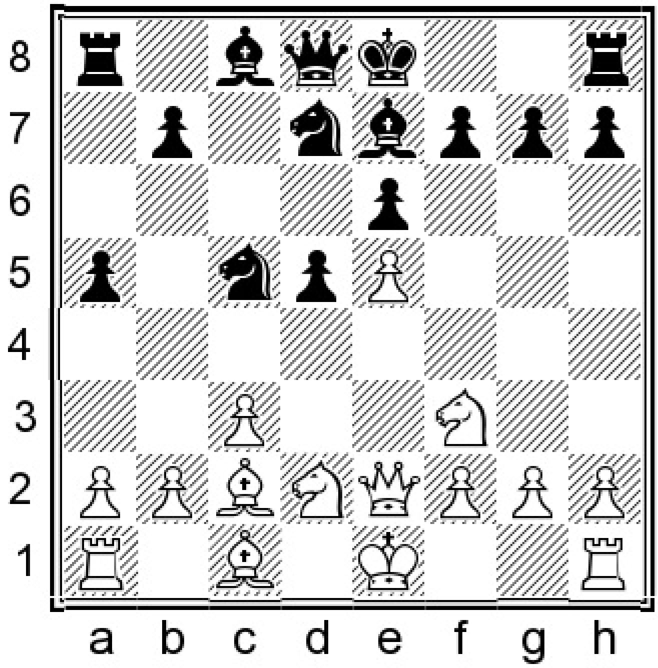


21.c4? (21.♗f4 e5 22.b5! (22.♗xe5 fxe5 23.♖xe5 ♖h7 24.♖ae1 ♔d8 25.b5 ♖c8∞) 22...cxb5 (22...♗xc5 23.♗xe5+-) 23.♗xe5 fxe5 24.♖xe5 ♖h7 25.♖ae1 ♔d8 26.c6+-) 21...dxc4 22.♗b2 e5 23.♘f5 ♕g5 24.♘xe7 ♔xe7 25.♖e3 ♖ag8 26.♖ae1 ♔d8 27.♖f3 ♖g6?? (27...♗e6 28.♖xf6 ♗d5±) 28.♗c1 1-0 (28) Gormally,D (2466)-Eames,R (2112) Great Britain (ch) 153/(111) 2022

4.♗d3 c5 5.dxc5 ♘f6 6.♕e2 a5 7.♘gf3 ♘a6

7...O-O - 91/(234)

8.e5 ♘d7 9.c3 ♘axc5 10.♗c2



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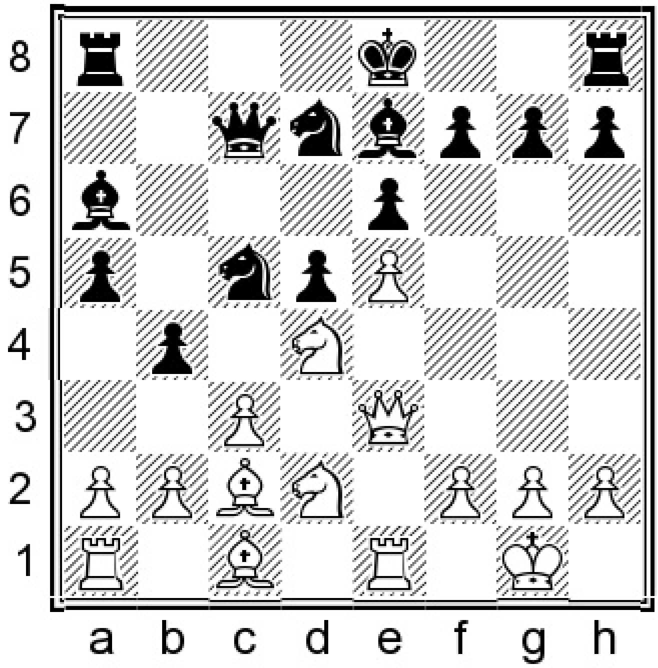
10...♕c7N

10...b6 11.O-O ♗a6 12.c4 dxc4 13.♘xc4 b5 14.♘e3 b4 15.♘c4 ♘b6∓

11.O-O b5 12.♖e1 ♗a6 13.♘d4 b4 14.♕e3



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a b c d e f g h

14...♖c8?

14...bxc3 15.bxc3 O-O 16.♕h3 g6 17.♘2f3∞

15.♕g3?

15.cxb4 axb4 16.a3 ♕a5 (16...bxa3? 17.b4 ♘e4 18.♘xe4 dxe4 19.♗xa3+-) 17.♘2f3±

15...O-O 16.cxb4 axb4 17.♘2b3

17.♘2f3? ♗d3 18.♗xd3 ♘xd3 19.♗h6 ♗f6!! (19...g6 20.♗xf8 ♗xf8∓) 20.exf6 ♕xg3 21.hxg3 ♘xe1-+

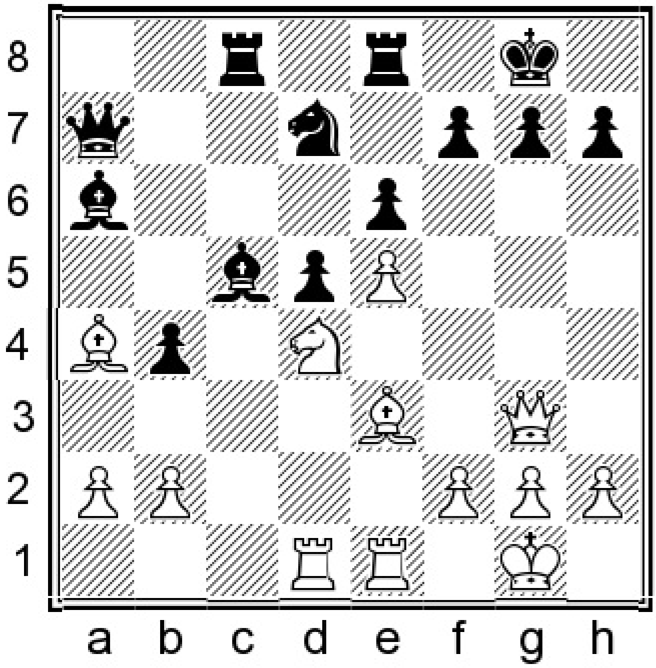
17...♖fe8 18.♗f4 ♕b6 19.♖ad1 ♘xb3 20.♗xb3 ♗c5?!

20...♘c5 21.♗c2 ♘e4! 22.♗xe4 dxe4 23.♖xe4 ♖ed8=∞

21.♗a4! ♕a7

21...♗xd4 22.♗xd7 ♖c2 23.♖xd4 ♕xd4 24.♗xe8 ♖e2 25.♖c1 ♖c2 26.♕e3+-

22.♗h6 ♗f8 23.♗e3 ♗c5



24.b3! ♕b7 25.h4 ♖c7?! 26.h5

26.♗xd7 ♖xd7 27.♘xe6 ♖xe6 28.♗xc5+-

26...♗f8 27.♗xd7 ♖xd7 28.♘f3 ♗b5

28...♕b8 29.h6 f5 30.♘d4+-

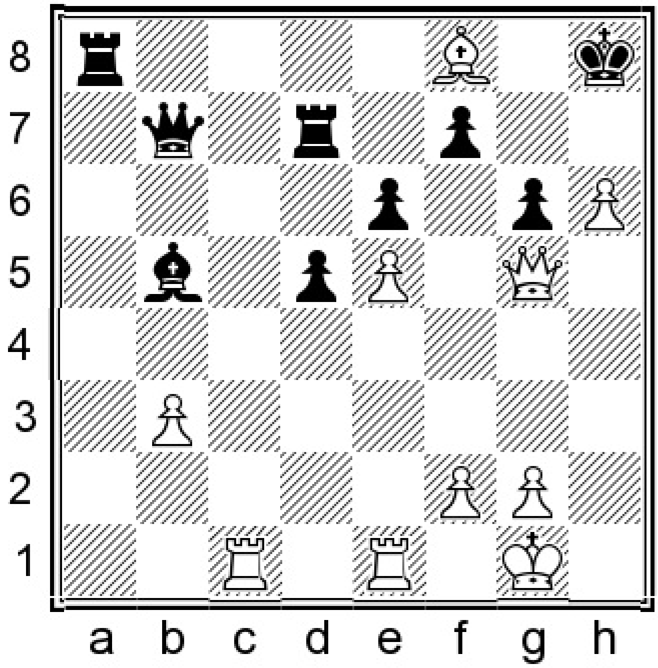
29.h6 g6 30.♘h2 ♖a8 31.♘g4 ♗e7 32.♕f4 ♖c7 33.♘f6+ ♔h8 34.♘xh7

34.♖xd5!? exd5 35.♗d4 ♖f8 36.e6 fxe6 37.♖xe6+-

34...♗d8 35.♘g5 ♖xa2 36.♕xb4 ♗e7 37.♕f4

37.♘xf7+ ♔h7 38.♘d6+-

37...♗d8 38.♖c1 ♖d7 39.♗c5 ♖a8 40.♗f8 ♗xg5 41.♕xg5



41...f5! 42.♗d6

42.exf6? ♖xf8 43.♖xe6 ♔h7 44.♖ce1 ♕a7 45.♖e7+ ♖f7=

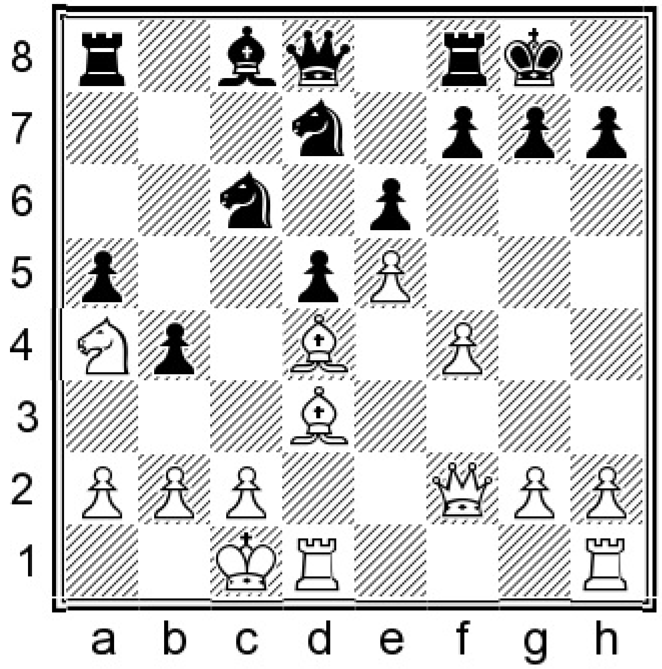
42...d4

42...♖f7 43.♖c5 ♔h7 44.♖ec1 ♗d7 45.♗e7 ♕xb3 46.♖5c3 ♕b7 47.♗f6 ♗e8 48.♔h2+-

43.♖c5 d3 44.♖ec1 ♖a2 45.♖c8+ ♔h7 46.♕f6 1-0

112. !N C11
Lobanov, Sergei (2531) - Esen, Baris (2476)
Turkiye 153/112, 2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♗c5 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O-O a6 11.♕f2 ♗xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.♗d3 b4 14.♘a4 a5



14...♘xd4 - 112/(159)

15.h4!N

15.♗b5; 15.♗b6; 15.♔b1

15...♗a6 16.b3 ♕c7

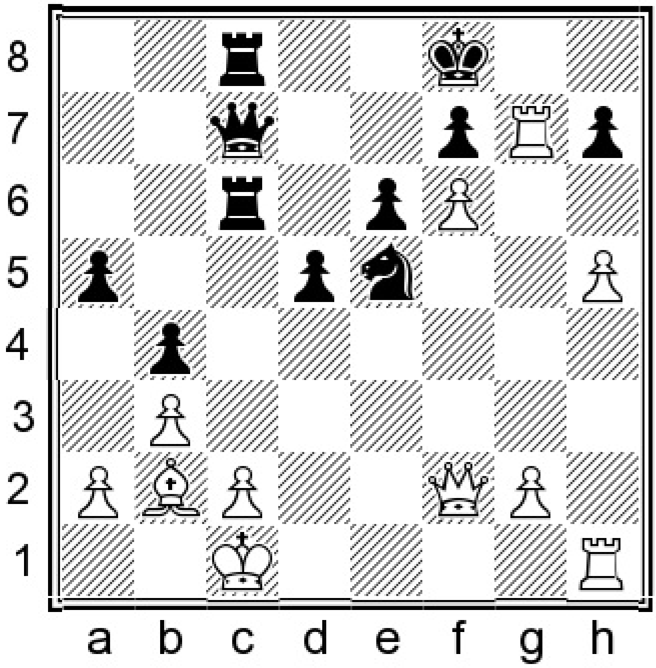
16...♘xd4! 17.♕xd4 ♕c7⇄ Δ Qa7, Δ Rfc8, Nc5

17.♗b2! ♗xd3 18.♖xd3 ♖fb8 19.h5 ♘b6 20.♘xb6 ♖xb6

20...♕xb6 21.♕g3→

21.f5! exf5?

21...♘xe5 22.♖g3 (22.♗xe5!? ♕xe5 23.♖e1=∞) 22...exf5!∞ (22...♖c6 23.h6 (23.f6 ♖c8 (23...g6 24.♕d2+-) 24.♖xg7+ ♔f8

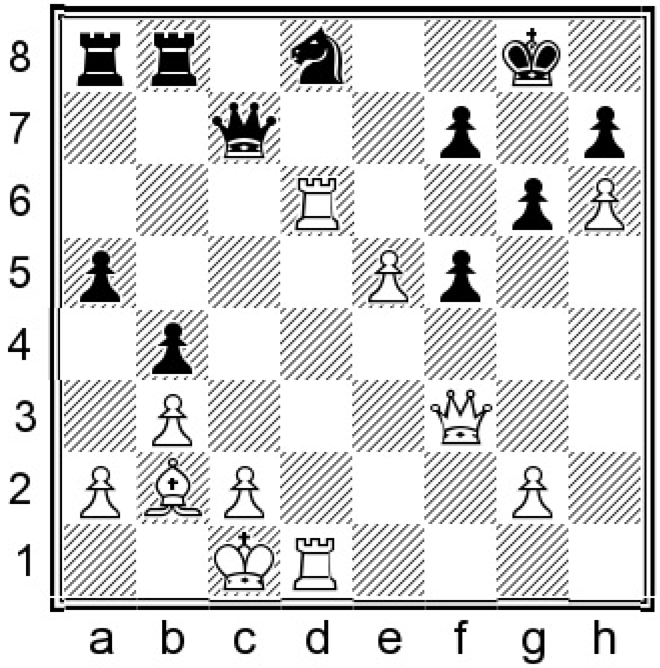


25.♖xh7!! ♖xc2+ (25...♔e8 26.♖h8+ ♔d7 27.♖xc8 ♔xc8 28.♗xe5 ♕xe5 29.♔b1+-) 26.♔b1 ♔e8 27.♖h8+ ♔d7 28.♖xc8 ♖xf2 29.♖xc7+ ♔xc7 30.♗xe5++-) 23...g6 (23...♖c8 24.♖xg7+ ♔f8 25.♕d4+-) 24.fxg6 fxg6 25.♔b1 ♖c8 26.♕f6 ♖xc2 27.♕xe5 ♖xb2+ 28.♕xb2 ♕xg3 29.♕g7#; 22...♖c8 23.f6 (23.h6 g6 (23...♖c6 - 22...Rc6) 24.fxg6! (24.♖e1 ♖c6 25.♖e2 ♘d7 26.fxg6 fxg6 27.♖xg6+ (27.♕d4?? ♖xc2+ 28.♔b1 ♖c1+-+) 27...hxg6 28.h7+ ♔xh7 29.♕h4+ ♔g8 30.♕h8+ ♔f7 31.♕g7+=) 24...fxg6 25.♔b1 ♖f8 26.♗xe5 ♕xe5 27.♕xb6 ♕xg3 28.♕xe6+ ♖f7 (28...♔h8 29.♕e7+-) 29.♖f1 ♕c7 30.♕e8++-) 23...g6 (23...♖c6 - 22...Rc6) 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.♗xe5 ♕xe5 26.♕xb6+-)

22.h6 g6 23.♖xd5 ♘d8

23...♖d8 24.♖hd1 ♖xd5 25.♖xd5 ♖b8 26.♕c5 ♖c8 27.♖d6 ♕a7 (27...♕b7 28.e6) 28.♕xa7 ♘xa7 29.♖d7 ♘b5 (29...♘c6 30.e6 ♘d8 31.e7 ♘e6 32.♗f6) 30.e6 fxe6 31.♖g7+ ♔f8 32.♖xh7+-

24.♖hd1 ♖b7 25.♕f3 ♖bb8 26.♖d7 ♕b6 27.♖7d6 ♕c7



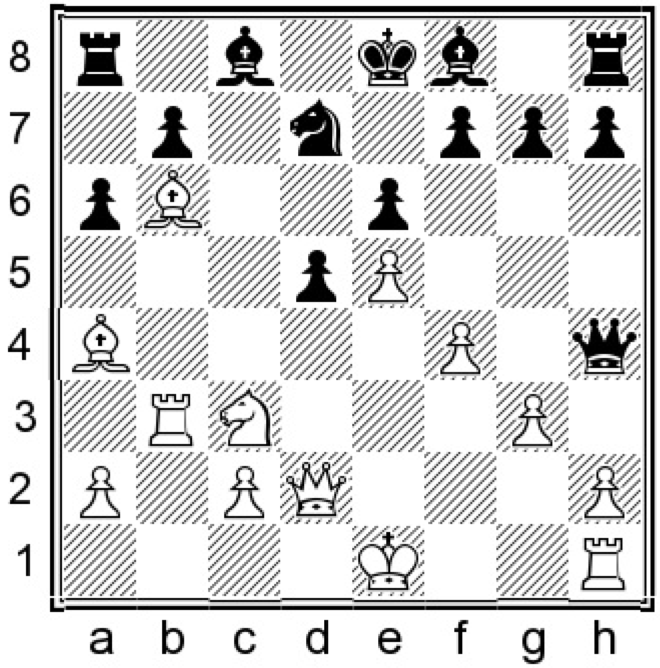
28.e6! ♘xe6 29.♕e2 ♖c8 30.♔b1 ♔f8 31.♕e5 ♕xc2+ 32.♔a1 1-0

113. C11
Perunovic, Milos (2539) - Pastar, Slaven (2311)
Crna Gora 153/113, 2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♕b6 9.♕d2 ♕xb2 10.♖b1 ♕a3 11.♗b5 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 a6 13.♖b3!? ♕e7 14.♗a4 ♕d8

14...b5? 15.♗xb5 axb5 16.♘xb5 ♕d8 17.♕c3 ♕a5 18.♘c7+ ♔d8 19.♘xa8 ♕xa8 20.O-O±

15.♗b6 ♕h4+ 16.g3



16...♕g4!

16...♕h3 - 142/96

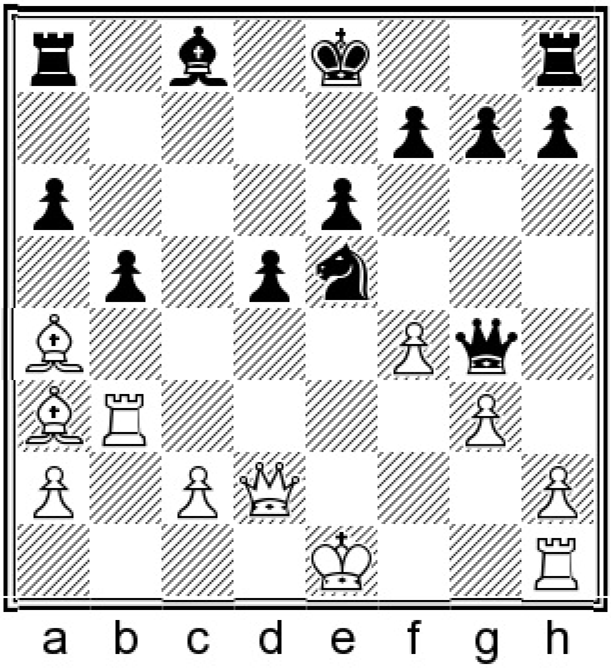
17.♘e4 ♗e7

17...dxe4?? 18.♖c3 ♗b4 (18...♗c5 19.♗xc5 b5 20.♗a3+-) 19.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 20.♗xd7+ ♔e7 21.♕xb4+ ♔xd7 22.♕d6+ ♔e8 23.O-O! ♕e2 (23...e3 24.♖d1+-) 24.f5!+-

18.♘c5

18.♘d6+!? ♗xd6 19.exd6 O-O 20.O-O ♘f6 21.♕c3 h5∞

18...♗xc5 19.♗xc5 b5 20.♗a3 ♘xe5!



21.fxe5N

21.♕b4 ♘g6! (21...♘c6 22.♕d6 ♗d7 23.♖c3 ♕g6 24.O-O e5 25.♖xc6 ♕xd6 26.♖xd6 bxa4 27.♖xd5 exf4 28.♖e1+ ♗e6 29.gxf4↑) 22.♕d6 (22.♖c3 ♗d7 23.♖c7 e5 24.♗b3 ♕f3 25.♖xd7 ♕xh1+ 26.♔d2 ♕xh2+ 27.♔c3 ♖c8+ 28.♔b2=) 22...♗d7! (22...bxa4?? 23.♕c6+ ♔d8 24.♖c3+-) 23.O-O ♕f5 24.♖c3 bxa4 25.♖b1 ♖d8 26.♖b7 e5 27.♖cc7 ♕e6 28.♖xd7 ♕xd6 29.♖xd6=

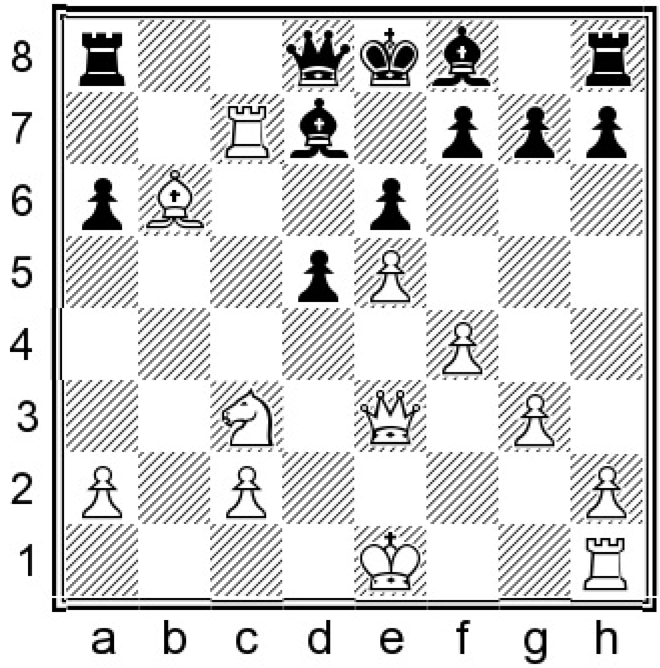
21...♕e4+ 22.♔f2 ♕xh1 23.♕b4

23.♕g5 ♕xh2+ 24.♔e1 ♕g1+ 25.♔d2 ♕d4+ 26.♔c1 ♖a7 27.♕xg7 bxa4 28.♕xh8+ ♔d7 29.♕f8 axb3 30.♕d6+ ♔e8 31.♕f8+=

23...♕xh2+ 24.♔f1 ♕h1+ 25.♔f2 ♕h2+ 1/2-1/2

114. C11
Ivic, Velimir (2581) - Grischuk, Alexander (2745)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 153/114, 2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♕b6 9.♕d2 ♕xb2 10.♖b1 ♕a3 11.♗b5 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 a6 13.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 14.♖b3 ♕e7 15.♖xb7 ♕h4+ 16.g3 ♕d8 17.♗b6 ♕c8 18.♖c7 ♕d8 19.♕e3



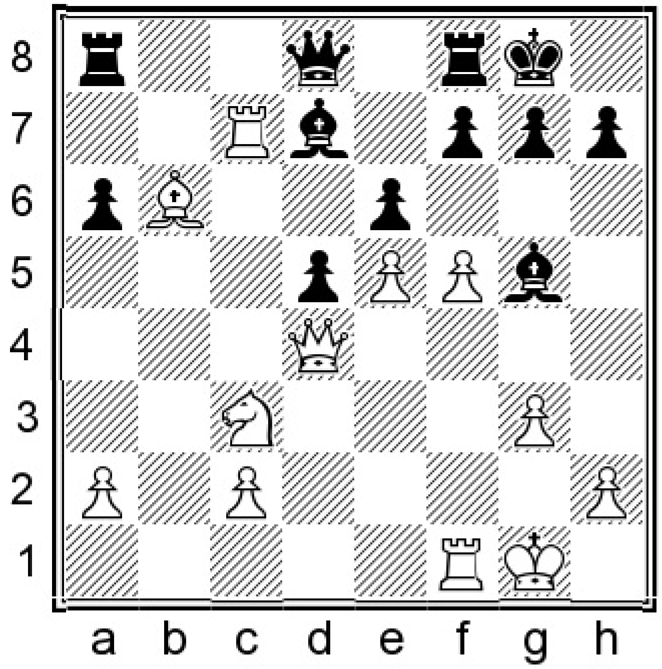
19...♗e7N

19...♗b4 - 149/89

20.O-O O-O

20...♖c8 21.♖b7 (21.♖xc8 ♕xc8 22.f5 ♗b5) 21...♕xb6 22.♕xb6 ♗c5+ 23.♕xc5 ♖xc5

21.f5 ♗g5 22.♕d4



22...♖c8?

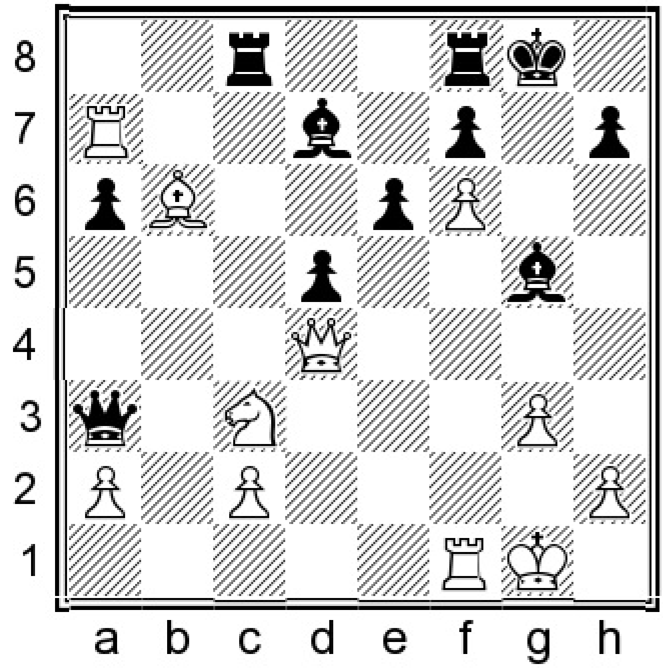
22...♖b8! 23.fxe6 (23.♔g2 ♖c8! 24.♖xc8 (24.♖a7 ♕e8 25.♗c5 ♗e7 26.♗xe7 ♕xe7∞) 24...♕xc8 25.h4 ♗d8 26.♗xd8 ♖xd8 27.f6 ♗b5∞; 23.♖f2 ♖xb6! 24.♕xb6 ♗e3 25.♕d6 ♗b5 26.a4 ♗c4 27.♕xd8 ♖xd8 28.fxe6 fxe6 29.♘d1 ♗xf2+ 30.♔xf2∞) 23...fxe6 24.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 25.♘xd5 ♖xb6 (25...exd5? 26.e6 ♕f6 27.♗c5+ ♔e8 28.exd7+ ♔d8 29.♖c8+ ♖xc8 30.dxc8=♕+ ♔xc8 31.♕xd5+-) 26.♘xb6 (26.♕xb6 exd5 27.♕d6+ ♔e8 28.e6 ♗b5 29.♕e5 ♕f6 30.♖c8+ ♔e7 31.♖c7+=) 26...♕xc7 27.♘xd7+ ♔e8 28.♘c5 ♗e7=

23.♖a7 ♕e7?

23...♕e8 24.♗c5 ♗e7 25.♘a4! ♗xc5 (25...♗xa4 26.♗xe7+-) 26.♘xc5 ♗b5 27.♖f2 exf5 28.e6 ♕c6 29.♖xf5 f6 30.♕xd5±

24.f6 gxf6 25.exf6 ♕d6

25...♕e8 26.♕e5 h6 27.h4 ♗d2 28.♘b1 ♖xc2 29.♘xd2 ♖xd2 30.♕f4+-; 25...♕a3



26.♘xd5! exd5 27.♖xd7+-

26.♘e4!+- e5 27.♘xd6 exd4 28.♖xd7 ♗e3+ 29.♔h1 ♖xc2 30.♘f5 ♖xa2 31.♖xd5 ♖b8 32.♘xe3 dxe3 33.♗xe3 h6 34.♗xh6 ♖bb2 35.♖h5 ♔h7 36.♗c1+ 1-0

115. * !N C11
Aryan, Chopra (2610) - Ioannidis, Evgenios (2459)
Novi Sad 153/115, 2022

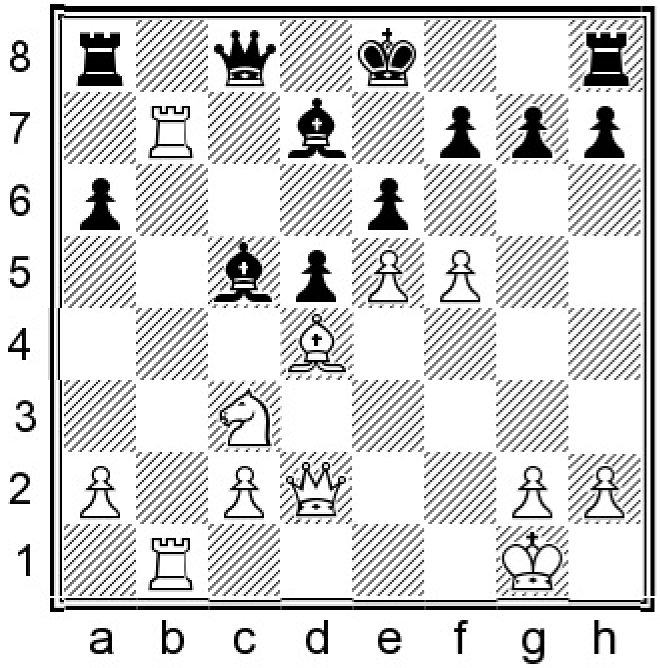
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♕b6 9.♕d2 ♕xb2 10.♖b1 ♕a3 11.♗b5 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 a6 13.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 14.♖b3 ♕e7 15.♖xb7 ♕d8 16.O-O ♕c8

16...♖c8 - 141/(97)

17.♖fb1 ♗c5

17...♗c6

18.f5



18.♘e2 ♗b5 19.♗xc5 ♕xc5+ (19...♕xb7? 20.♘d4±) 20.♘d4 O-O=

18...♗b5!N

18...♗xd4+

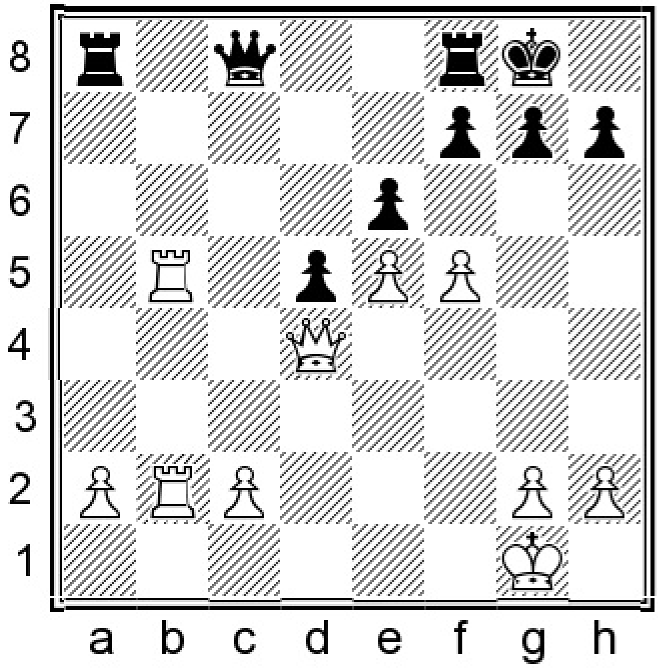
19.♘xb5

19.♗xc5 ♕xc5+ 20.♔h1 exf5 21.♕xd5 (21.a4 ♗c6 22.♖b8+ ♔d7 23.♖8b6 ♖he8 24.♘e2 ♖xe5 25.♘d4 ♖c8 26.♖xa6 ♔e8∞) 21...♕xd5 22.♘xd5 O-O-O 23.♖a7 ♔b8 24.♖xf7 ♖xd5 25.c4 ♖xe5 26.cxb5 ♖xb5 27.♖xb5+ axb5 28.♖xf5 ♔c7 29.♖xb5 ♖a8 30.♖b2 ♖a3=

19...axb5 20.♖7xb5

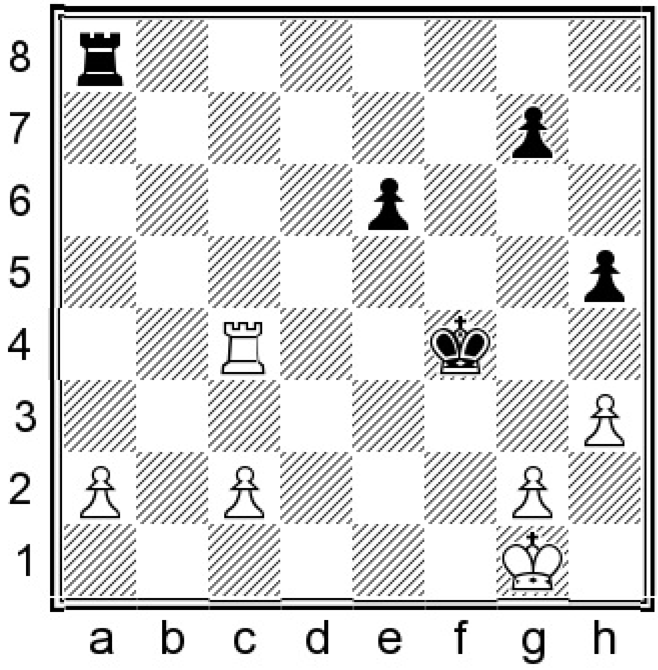
20.♖1xb5 ♗xd4+ 21.♕xd4 O-O 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.♕g4 ♖f7 24.♖xf7 ♔xf7 25.a4 ♕c7∞; 20.♗xc5 ♕xc5+ 21.♔h1 exf5 22.e6 (22.♖7xb5 ♕c4 23.♖b8+ ♖xb8 24.♖xb8+ ♔d7=) 22...O-O 23.♖1xb5 ♕c4 24.exf7+ ♖xf7 25.h3 ♖xb7 26.♖xb7 h6=

20...♗xd4+ 21.♕xd4 O-O 22.♖1b2



22...♕a6N

22...♕c4 - 153/(115) 23.♕xc4 dxc4 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.♖c5 ♖f4 26.♖c7 h5 27.h3 ♔h7 28.♖bb7 ♔g6 29.♖c6 (29.♖xg7+ ♔f5 30.♖gf7+ ♔xe5 31.♖b5+ ♔e4 32.♖xf4+ ♔xf4 33.♖b4±) 29...♔f5 30.♖f7+ ♔xe5 31.♖xf4 ♔xf4 32.♖xc4+

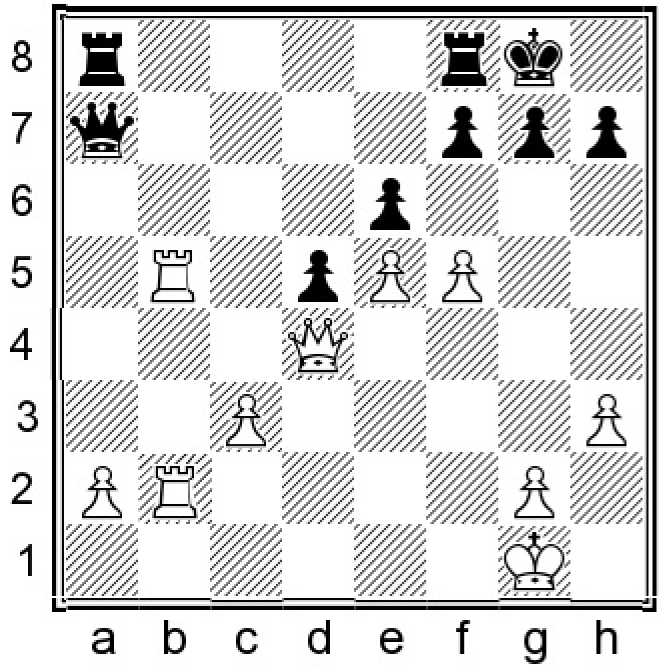


32...♔e5?! (32...♔e3) 33.a4 ♖d8 34.a5 ♖d1+ 35.♔f2 ♖a1 36.♖c5+ ♔f6 37.g3 g5 38.♔f3 h4 39.gxh4 gxh4 40.♔g4 ♖a4+ 41.c4 ♔e7 42.♔xh4 ♔d6 43.♖g5 ♔e7 (43...e5) 44.♖b5+- ♖xc4+ 45.♔g5 1-0 (45) Mandaji,M-Ghidini,R corr 153/(115) 2021

23.h3

23.f6 ♕a7 24.♕xa7 ♖xa7 25.♖b8 gxf6 26.exf6 ♖a8 27.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 28.♔f2 ♔e8=∞; 23.♔h1 ♕a4=

23...♕a7 24.c3



24...h5! 25.♖b7 ♕xd4+ 26.cxd4 h4 27.♖e7

27.fxe6 fxe6 28.♖e7 ♖ac8! 29.♖b1 ♖c2 30.♖xe6 ♖f4=

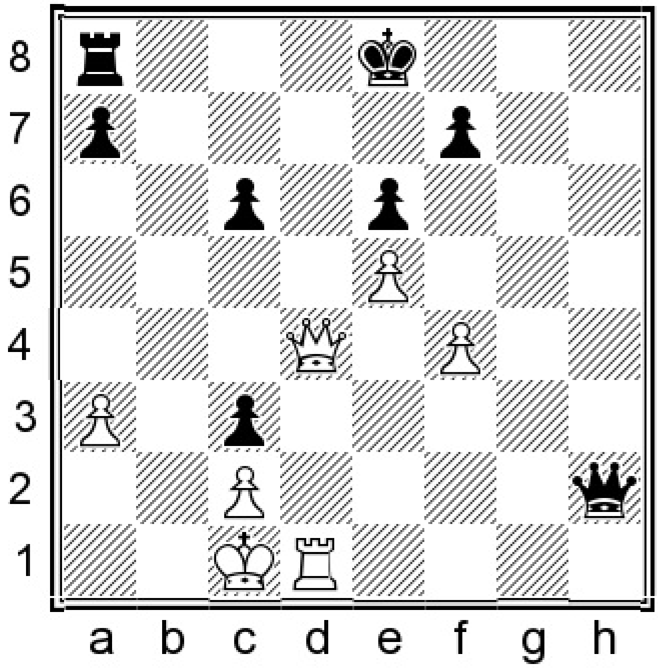
27...exf5 28.♖bb7

28.♖d7 ♖a4 29.♖xd5 ♖fa8=

28...♖xa2 29.e6 g6 30.♖bd7 ♖a6 31.exf7+ 1/2-1/2

116. C19
Muzychuk, Mariya (2540) - Kashlinskaya, Alina (2505)
Chennai (ol) 153/116, 2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 ♘e7 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.♕g4 ♕c7 8.♕xg7 ♖g8 9.♕xh7 cxd4 10.♘e2 ♘bc6 11.f4 dxc3 12.♕d3 d4 13.♘xd4 ♘xd4 14.♕xd4 ♗d7 15.♖g1 ♘f5 16.♕f2 ♕c6 17.♗d3 ♕d5 18.♗e3 ♘xe3 19.♕xe3 ♖xg2 20.♖xg2 ♕xg2 21.♗e4 ♕xh2 22.O-O-O ♗c6 23.♗xc6+ bxc6 24.♕d4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24...a5!

24...♔f8? - 146/96

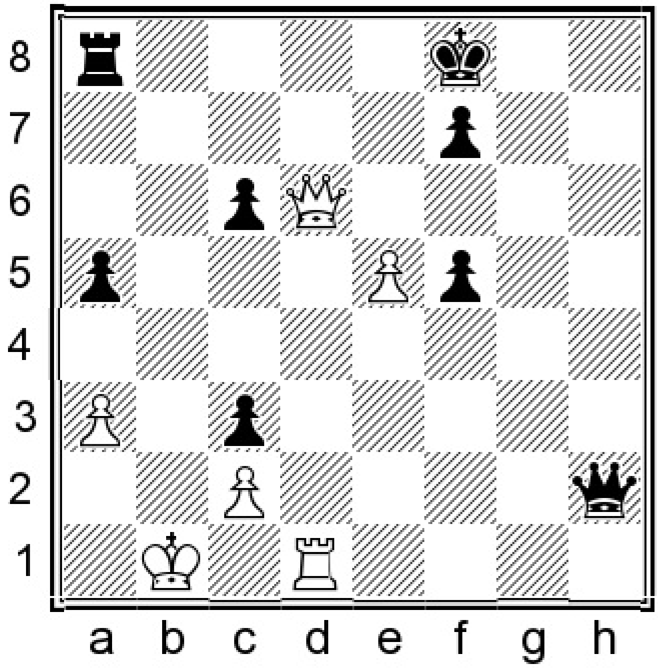
25.f5

25.♖g1 ♕d2+ 26.♕xd2 cxd2+ 27.♔xd2 ♔d7=

25...exf5

25...♕h6+!? 26.♔b1 exf5 27.♔a1 (27.e6 fxe6 28.♕d7+ ♔f8=) 27...♕e6 28.♖h1 ♔e7 29.♕c5+ ♔d7 30.♖d1+ ♔c7 31.♖d6 ♕e8∞

26.♔b1 ♔f8 27.♕d6+



27.♕c5+ ♔g7! 28.♕xc3 ♔g8∞

27...♔g8?N

27...♔g7! 28.♖f1 (28.♕f6+ ♔f8 29.♕d6+= (29.♕xc6 ♖e8=)) 28...♖e8 29.♕f6+ ♔f8 30.♕xf5 (30.♖xf5 ♖e7 31.♕xc6 ♕d2=) 30...♖e7=

28.♕e7!+- ♕f2

28...♕h5 29.♖e1! f4 30.♔a1 ♕g6 31.e6 ♖f8 (31...fxe6 32.♖xe6 ♕g7 33.♕d6+-) 32.♕c5!+-; 28...♕g3 29.♖h1 f4 30.e6 ♖f8 31.exf7+ ♖xf7 32.♕d8+ ♖f8 33.♕d4+-

29.♔a1 ♕g2

29...♕a7 30.♖d8++-

30.e6 fxe6

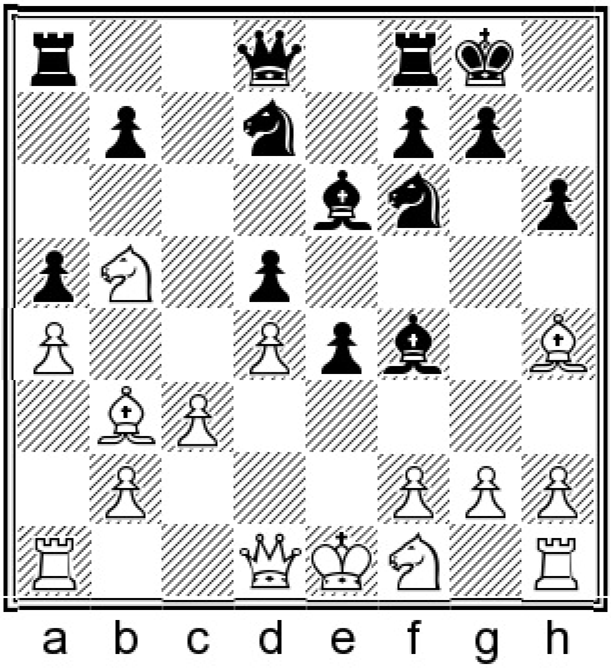
30...♖f8 31.exf7+ ♖xf7 (31...♔g7 32.♕e5++-) 32.♖d8+ ♔g7 33.♕e5++-

31.♕xe6+ ♔h8 32.♕xf5 ♖a7 33.♖d8+ ♔g7 34.♕f8+ ♔g6 35.♖d6+ 1-0

117. * C24
Piorun, Kacper (2640) - Bluebaum, Matthias (2642)
Deutschland 153/117, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.d3 c6 4.♘f3 d5 5.♗b3 a5 6.a4 ♗b4+ 7.♗d2

7.c3 ♗d6 8.exd5 cxd5 9.♗g5 ♗e6 10.♘a3 ♘bd7 11.♘b5 ♗b8 12.d4 (12.O-O - 136/(105)) 12...e4 13.♘d2 O-O 14.♘f1 h6 15.♗h4 ♗f4



16.h3N (16.♗g3; 16.♘e3 ♘b6 17.♕e2 ♖c8 18.h3 ♖e8⇄) 16...♖e8 17.g3?! (17.♕e2∞) 17...♗b8 18.g4 ♘f8 19.♘e3 ♘g6∓ Firouzja,A (2804)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2773) Bucuresti 153/(117) 2022

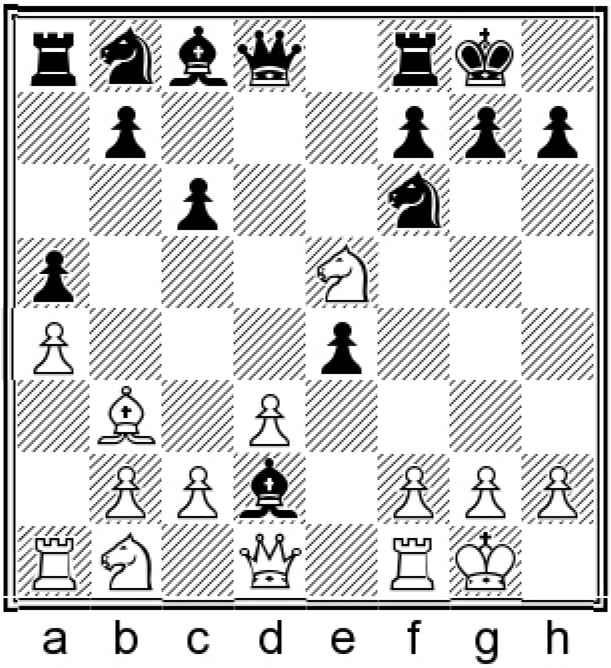
7...dxe4 8.♘xe5

8.♘g5 - 139/105

8...O-O 9.O-O

9.♗xb4 axb4 10.d4 ♕c7 11.O-O c5 12.c3 cxd4 13.cxd4 ♘c6↑

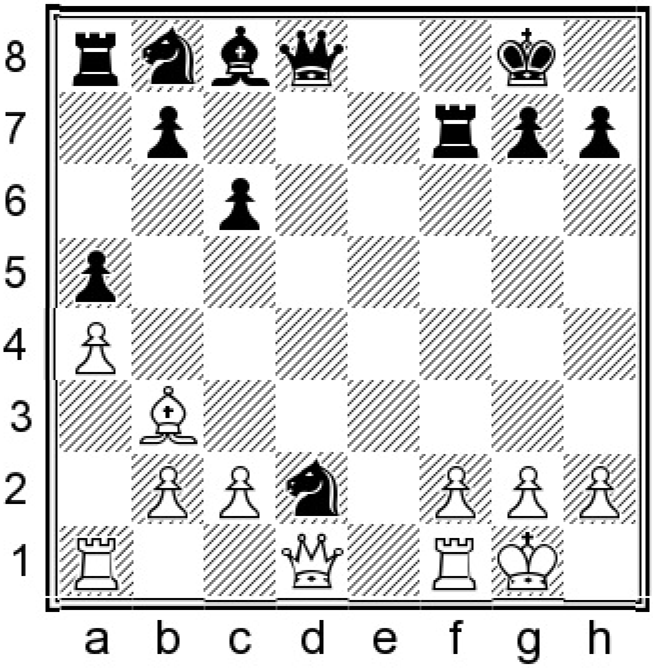
9...♗xd2N



9...♕e7

10.♘xd2

10.♘xf7! ♖xf7 11.dxe4! ♘xe4 (11...♕e7 12.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 13.♘xd2 ♗e6 14.f4±) 12.♘xd2 ♘xd2



(12...♕xd2 13.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 14.♕h5+ ♔f6 15.♕h4+ ♔f7 16.♕xe4+-) 13.♖e1! (13.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 14.♕h5+ ♔g8 15.♖ad1 ♗e6 16.♖fe1 ♕e7 17.♖xd2 ♘d7 18.b3 ♘f8=) 13...♗f5 14.♕xd2 ♘a6 15.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 16.♕f4 ♕f6 17.♖a3! ♔g8 18.♖f3 ♗g6 19.♕e3 ♕d8 20.♕b3+ ♔h8 21.♕xb7 ♘c5 22.♕xc6→

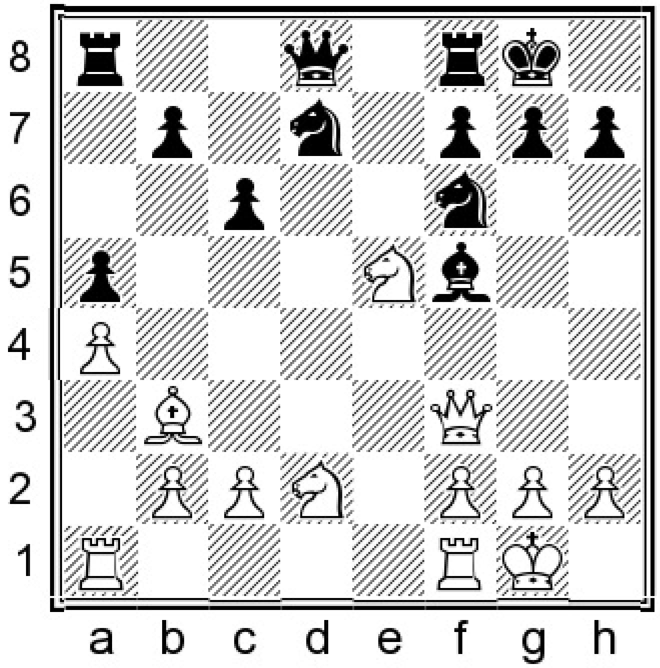
10...exd3!

10...♕e7?! 11.♘xf7! ♖xf7 12.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 (12...♔xf7) 13.dxe4 ♘a6 14.♕e2 ♘c5 15.f4→

11.♘xd3 ♗f5

11...♗g4!? 12.♘f3 ♘bd7 13.h3 ♗h5 (13...♗xf3 14.♕xf3 ♕c7 15.♖fe1 ♖fe8 16.g4!?⇄) 14.♘f4 ♗xf3 15.♕xf3 ♘c5=

12.♘e5 ♘bd7 13.♕f3



13...♗e6!?

13...♘xe5 14.♕xf5 ♕xd2 15.♕xe5 ♖ad8=

14.♘xd7

14.♗xe6? ♘xe5-+

14...♕xd7 15.♗xe6 ♕xe6 16.♖fe1 ♕d6 17.♘e4

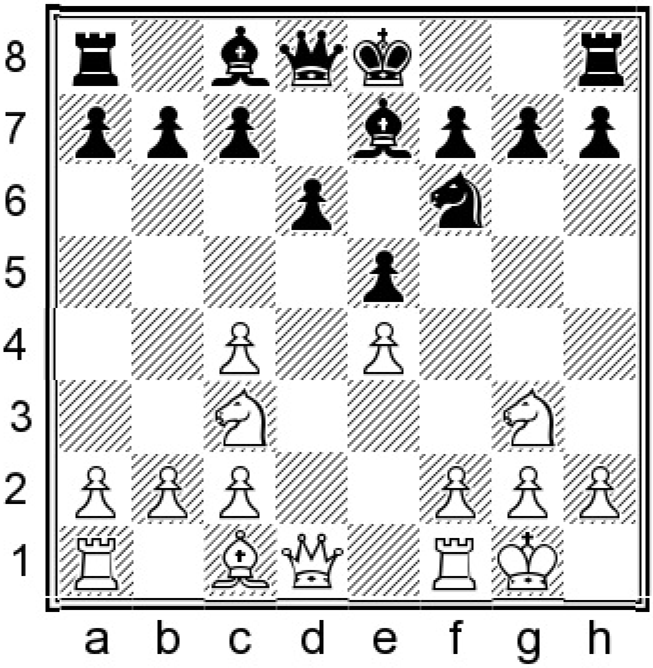
17.♖ad1 ♕c5 18.♕d3 ♖fe8=

17...♘xe4 18.♕xe4 ♖ad8 19.♕e7 ♕xe7 20.♖xe7 ♖fe8 21.♖xb7 ♖e2 22.c3 g6 23.♖f1 ♖dd2 24.b4 ♖a2 25.♖c7 1/2-1/2

C25-C49

118. C28
Kollars, Dmitrij (2643) - Huschenbeth, Niclas (2607)
Magdeburg 153/118, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.d3 ♘a5 5.♘ge2 ♘xc4 6.dxc4 ♗e7 7.O-O d6 8.♘g3



8.b3 - 5/123

8...h5! 9.f4N

9.h3 h4 10.♘ge2 c6∓

9...h4 10.♘f5

10.♘h1 h3 11.g3 exf4 12.♗xf4 (12.gxf4 b6! 13.♘g3 ♗b7 14.♘d5 ♕d7 15.b3 O-O-O∓) 12...c6 13.♘f2 ♗e6 14.b3 ♕a5∓

10...♗xf5 11.exf5 c6

11...♕d7 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.♕xd7+ ♘xd7 14.♗e3 ♘f6 15.♘d5 ♘xd5 16.cxd5 b6 17.c4∞

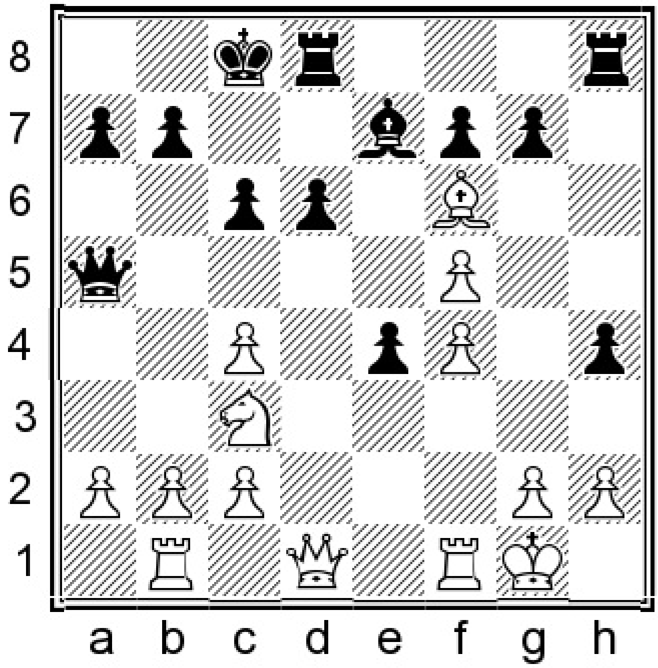
12.♗e3

12.fxe5 ♕b6+! 13.♔h1 dxe5 14.♖f3 ♕d4!? (14...h3 15.gxh3 ♖h5⇄) 15.♕e2 e4 16.♖h3 O-O-O→

12...♕a5 13.♖b1

13.h3 O-O-O 14.a3 ♖he8 15.b4 ♕a6 16.b5 ♕a5 17.♗d2 ♕b6+ 18.♔h2 e4 19.♖e1 d5∓

13...e4 14.♗d4 O-O-O 15.♗xf6



15.♕e1 ♕xf5 16.h3 ♖h6 17.♗xa7 ♖g6→

15...♗xf6

15...gxf6!? 16.♘xe4 ♕xa2 17.♕d3 d5 18.cxd5 ♕xd5 19.♕xd5 ♖xd5 20.♔f2 ♖xf5 21.♔f3 ♖d8∓

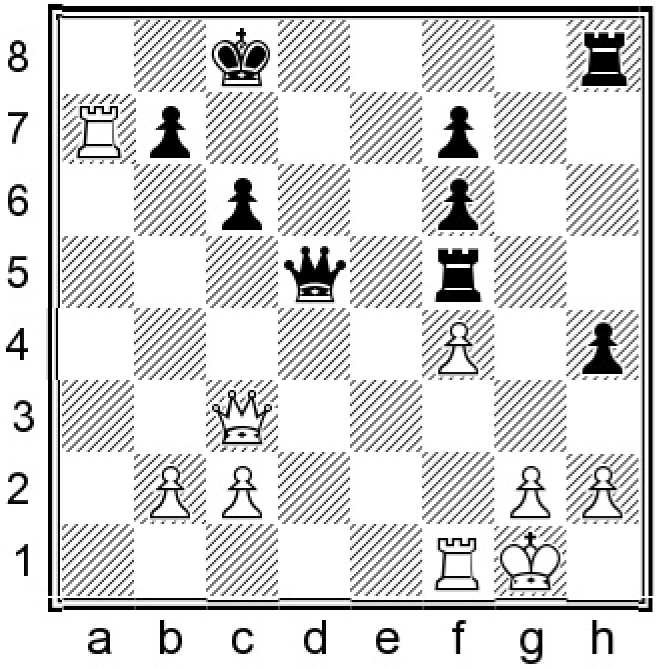
16.♘xe4 d5! 17.cxd5 ♖xd5 18.♕f3 ♕xa2

18...♗d4+!? 19.♔h1 f6∓

19.♘xf6 gxf6 20.♕c3 ♖xf5 21.♖a1

21.♕h3 ♕e6 22.♖be1 ♕d7 23.♖d1 ♖d5 24.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 25.♖xd5+ cxd5 26.♖a1 a6 27.♔f2 ♖c8 28.c3 f5∓

21...♕d5 22.♖xa7



22.♖fd1 ♕c5+ (22...♕e4 23.♖e1 ♕xf4 24.♖f1 ♕e4 25.♖xf5 ♕xf5 26.♖xa7 ♖h5!? 27.♖a8+ ♔c7 28.h3 ♕e5 29.♕b4 ♕c5+ 30.♕xc5 ♖xc5 31.c3 ♖b5 32.b4 c5 33.bxc5 ♖xc5 34.♖a4∞) 23.♕xc5 ♖xc5 24.♖xa7 ♔b8 25.♖da1 ♔c7∓

22...h3! 23.♕f3?!

23.♖f2 ♖xf4! 24.♖d2 ♕b5 25.♖a8+ ♔c7 26.♕a5+ ♕xa5 27.♖xa5 hxg2∓

23...♕c5+-+ 24.♕f2 hxg2 25.♔xg2

25.♖a8+ ♔c7 26.♕xc5 ♖xc5 27.♖xh8 gxf1=♕+ 28.♔xf1 ♖xc2

25...♖g8+ 26.♔h1 ♕d5+ 27.♕f3 ♖xf4! 28.♖a8+ ♔c7 0-1

119. ** C42
Firouzja, Alireza (2793) - Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2766)
Madrid (ct) 153/119, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.c4 ♘c6

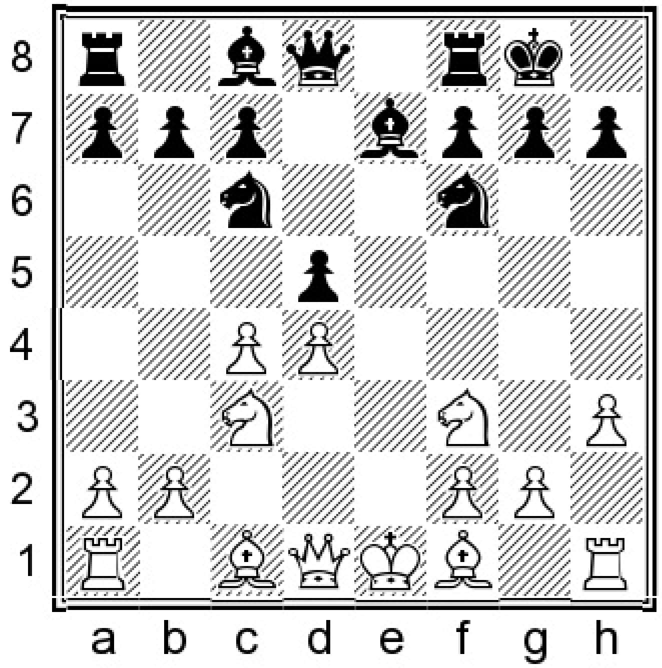
5...c6 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.d4 ♗e7 8.h3 d5 9.♗d3 O-O 10.O-O dxc4 11.♗xc4±; 5...♗e7 6.d4 O-O 7.♗d3 - 128/106

6.d3

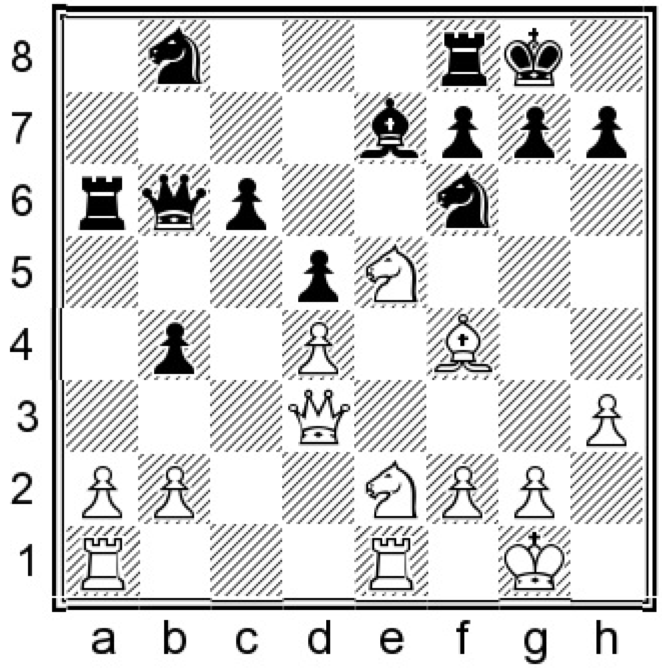
6.♘c3 ♘xc3 7.dxc3 ♗e7 - 135/111

6...♘f6 7.d4 ♗e7 8.d5

8.♘c3 O-O 9.h3 d5



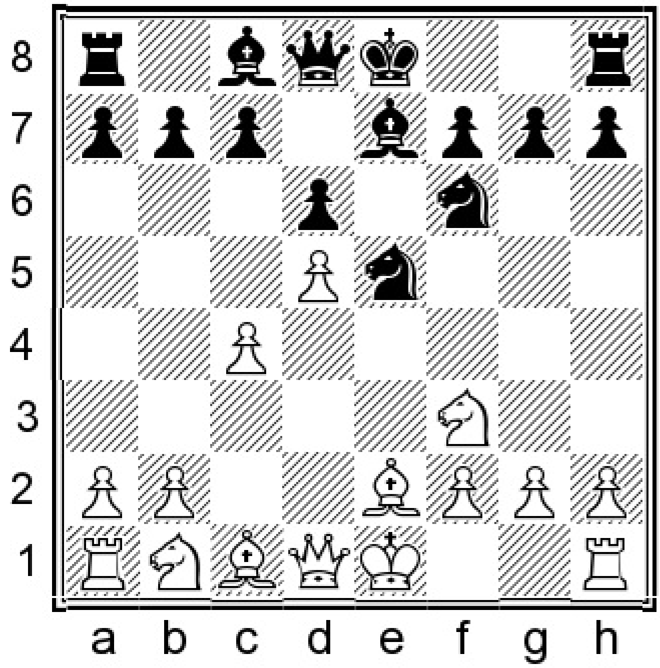
10.c5?! (10.♗e2=) 10...b6?N (10...♗xc5! 11.dxc5 d4 12.♘b5 (12.♘a4?? ♖e8+-+) 12...♖e8+ 13.♗e2 d3∓) 11.♗b5↑ ♘b8 12.cxb6 axb6 13.♘e5 ♗a6 14.♗xa6 ♖xa6 15.O-O c6 16.♕d3 b5 (16...♖a7) 17.♗f4 ♕b6 18.♖fe1 b4 19.♘e2



19...♘e4?! (19...c5±) 20.♘g3 ♘xg3 21.♕xg3+- ♖a8 22.♘g4 ♕d8 23.♖xe7! ♕xe7 24.♘h6+ ♔h8 25.♘f5 ♕f6 26.♗e5 ♕g6 27.♗xg7+ ♔g8 28.♗f6 ♕xg3 29.♘h6# 1-0 (29) Movsesian,S (2627)-Van Foreest,L (2543) Riga 153/(119) 2021

8...♘e5 9.♘d4

9.♗e2

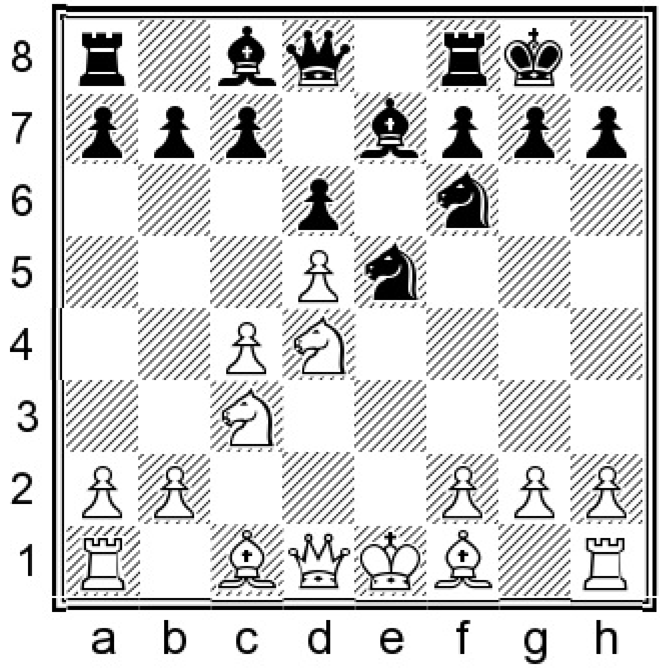


9...♘xf3+N (9...O-O) 10.♗xf3 h5? (10...O-O 11.♗e3 (11.O-O ♘d7= (11...♗f5= 12.g4?! ♗g6)) 11...♘d7=) 11.h3 ♗f5 12.♘c3 ♕d7 13.♗e3 a6 14.a4± Kosteniuk,A (2472)-Tan, Z (2511) Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 153/(119) 2021

9...O-O

9...c6!?

10.♘c3



10.♗e2! ♗g4 11.♗xg4 ♘fxg4 12.O-O ♘f6 13.b3±; 10.h3

10...♗g4N

10...♖e8

11.f3

11.♗e2 ♗xe2 12.♕xe2 c6! (12...♖e8) 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.f4 ♘g6 15.♘xc6 ♕c7 16.♘xe7+ ♘xe7=∞ 17.O-O ♖fe8 18.♕d3 d5! 19.cxd5 ♖ad8 20.♖e1 ♘f5! 21.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 22.♕xf5 ♕c5+ 23.♔f1 ♕c4+ 24.♔f2 ♕d4+ 25.♔f3 h5!= (25...g6 26.♕c2 ♖e1 27.♖b1 g5! 28.♗d2 g4+ 29.♔g3 ♖e3+! 30.♗xe3 ♕xe3+ 31.♔h4 ♕xf4 32.♖f1! ♕h6+! (32...♕xf1 33.♘e4) 33.♔g3 ♕e3+ 34.♖f3 gxf3 35.gxf3 ♘h5+=)

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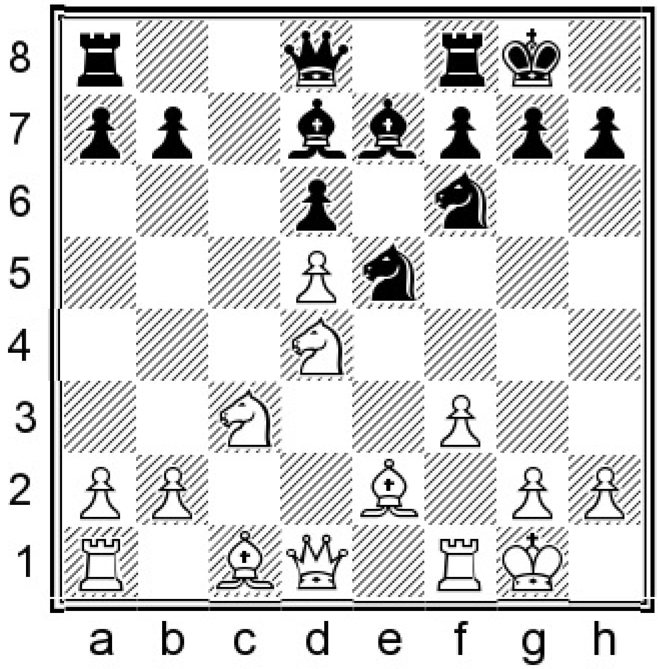
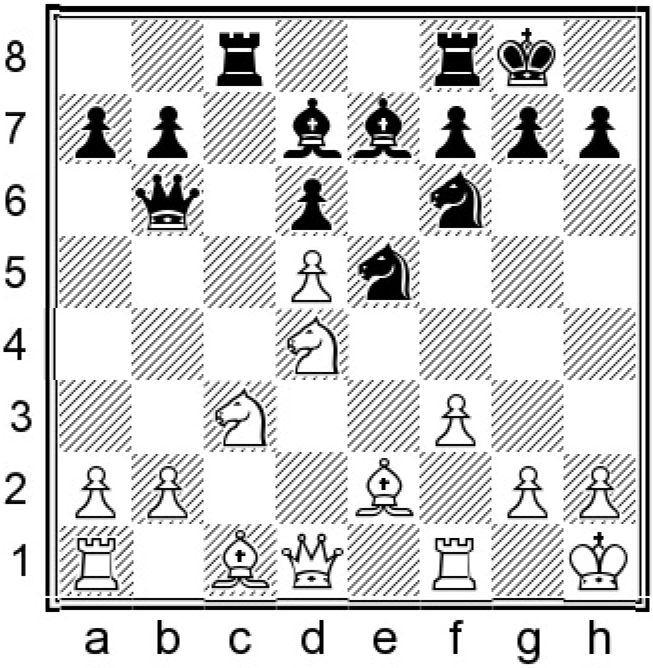


14...♕b6

14...♕a5! 15.♗e3 (15.f4 ♘g6 16.♘b3 ♕b6+ 17.♔h1 ♖fe8 18.♗d2 ♖ac8 19.a4?! ♗g4!∓) 15...♘xd5 16.♘xd5 ♕xd5 17.♘b5 ♕xd1 18.♖fxd1 ♗xb5 19.♗xb5 a6 20.♗e2=

15.♔h1 ♖ac8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16.g4?

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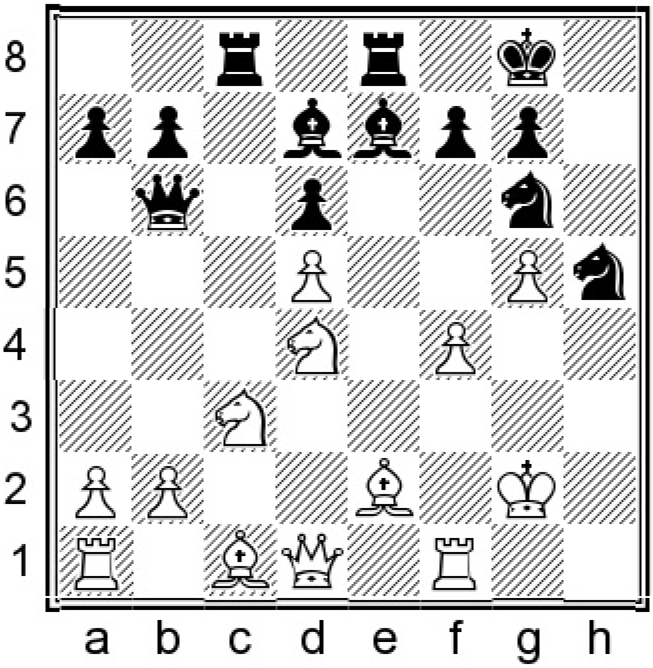
16...h6 17.h4

17.♖g1

17...♖fe8∓ 18.g5 hxg5 19.hxg5 ♘h5 20.♔g2 ♘g6 21.f4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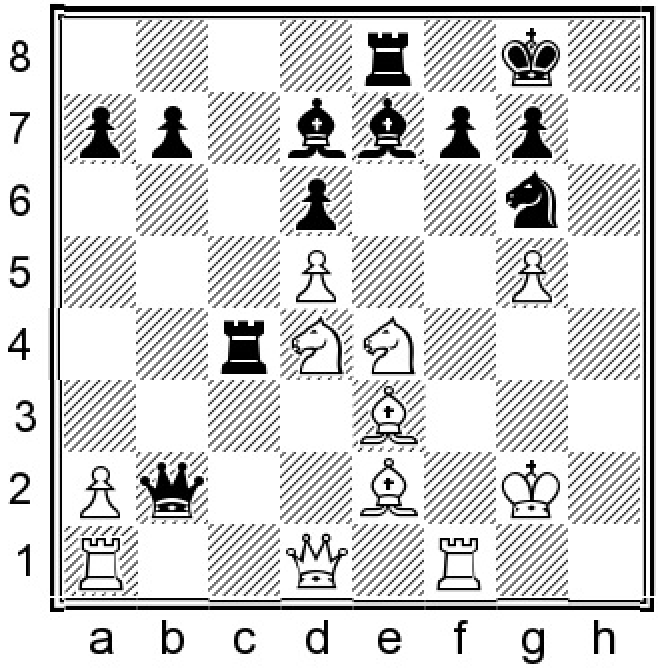
21...♘hxf4+!-+ 22.♗xf4 ♕xb2 23.♘e4 ♖c4

23...♗d8! 24.♘xd6 ♖xe2+ 25.♕xe2 (25.♘xe2 ♖c2-+) 25...♕xd4 26.♘xc8 ♕xf4!-+ (26...♘xf4+?! 27.♖xf4 ♕xf4 28.♘e7+ ♗xe7 29.♕xe7=)

24.♗e3



24...♗xg5! 25.♖b1 ♕xa2 26.♖a1 ♖xd4! 27.♖xa2 ♖xd1 28.♗xd1 ♗xe3 29.♘xd6 ♖e7 30.♗b3?

30.♖e2!∓

30...♗c5!-+ 31.♘xb7 ♗b6 32.♗c4

32.♘d6 ♖e3-+

32...♖e3 33.♔h1 ♗h3 34.♖c1 ♗f5! 35.♗f1 ♗e4+

35...♗e4+ 36.♔h2 ♗xd5

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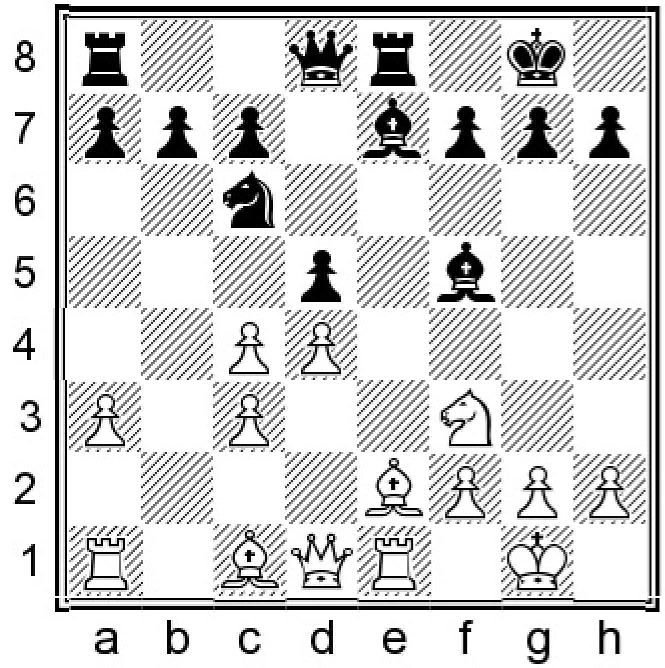
120. C42
Nakamura, Hikaru (2760) - Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2766)
Madrid (ct) 153/120, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.c4 ♘b4 9.♗e2 O-O 10.♘c3 ♗f5 11.a3 ♘xc3 12.bxc3 ♘c6 13.♖e1 ♖e8



14.♖a2! ♗f8!

14...♘a5 15.cxd5 ♕xd5 16.♖b2 b6 (16...a6 17.♘e5 ♗xa3 18.♗f3 ♕d6 19.♖a2! ♗xc1 20.♖xa5↑; 16...c6 17.♘e5! ♗xa3 18.♗f3 ♕d6 19.♖be2 ♗xc1 20.♕xc1↑; 16...♘c4 17.♕b3 ♗e6 18.♕xc4 ♕xc4 19.♗xc4 ♗xc4 20.♖xb7 ♗d6 21.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 22.♗e3±) 17.♘e5! ♖ad8 (17...♗xa3? 18.♖b5 ♕d6 19.♘xf7+-) 18.♗f4!± (18.♖b5 c5 19.♖xa5 ♕xe5!= (19...bxa5? 20.♗c4+-)) 18...♗xa3? 19.♖b5; 14...dxc4!? 15.♗xc4 ♘a5=; 14...♗f6 - 100/209

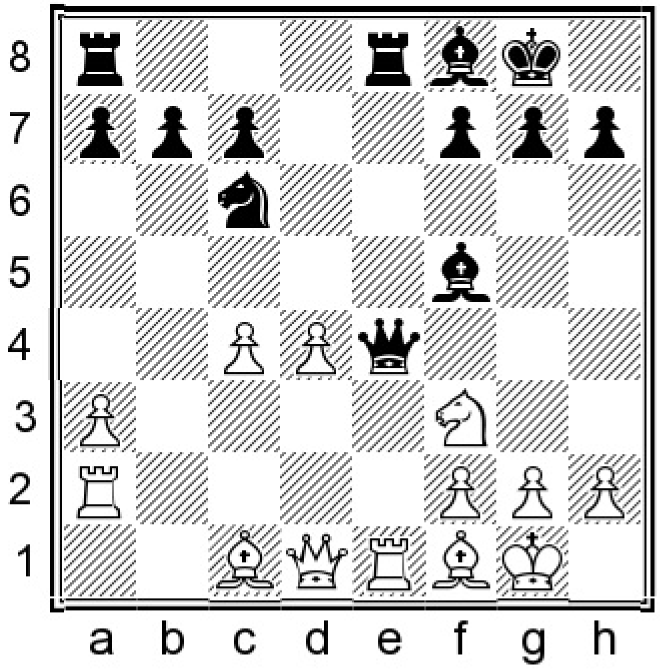
15.cxd5N

15.a4; 15.♗f4

15...♕xd5 16.c4 ♕e4

16...♕d6 17.♖d2 ♖ad8 18.♗f1 ♗g4 19.♖xe8 ♖xe8 20.♗b2 b6= 21.h3 ♗xf3 22.♕xf3 ♖e1 23.♖d1 ♖xd1 24.♕xd1 g6 25.d5 ♗g7

17.♗f1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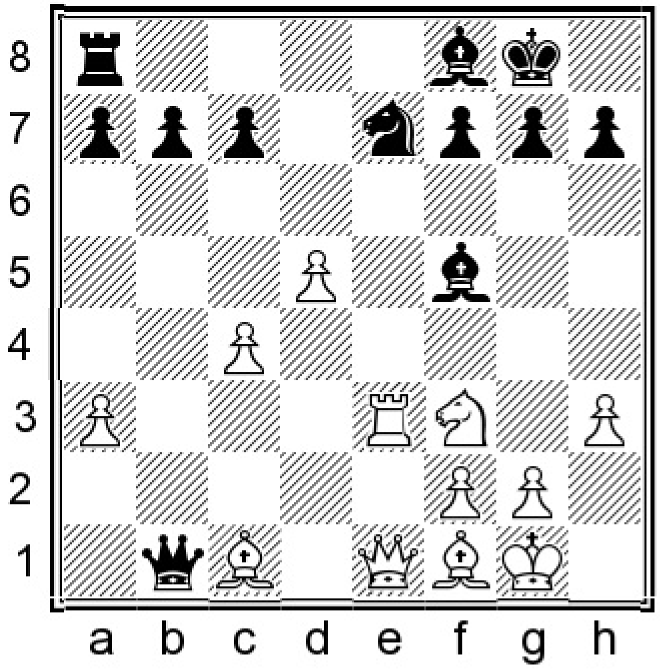
18.h3 ♖xe1 19.♕xe1 ♕e4 20.♖e2 ♕d3 21.♖b2 ♕e4 22.♖e2 ♕d3 23.♖e3! ♕b1 24.d5 ♘e7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25.♘d2

25.♘d4! ♕b6 26.♕d2 c5 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.♖xe7 ♖d8 29.♖e8! ♖xd4 30.♕e3 ♗d7 31.♖a8 ♗e6 32.a4! c5 33.♗a3 ♖d8 34.♗xc5+-

25...♕a1 26.♘b3 ♕f6 27.♗d2 ♘g6 28.♘a5

28.♗c3±

28...b6 29.♘c6 ♗d7 30.♗c3 ♕d6

⌓30...♕g5=

31.♗b4

31.g3 ♗xc6 32.♗b4 ♕f6 33.dxc6±

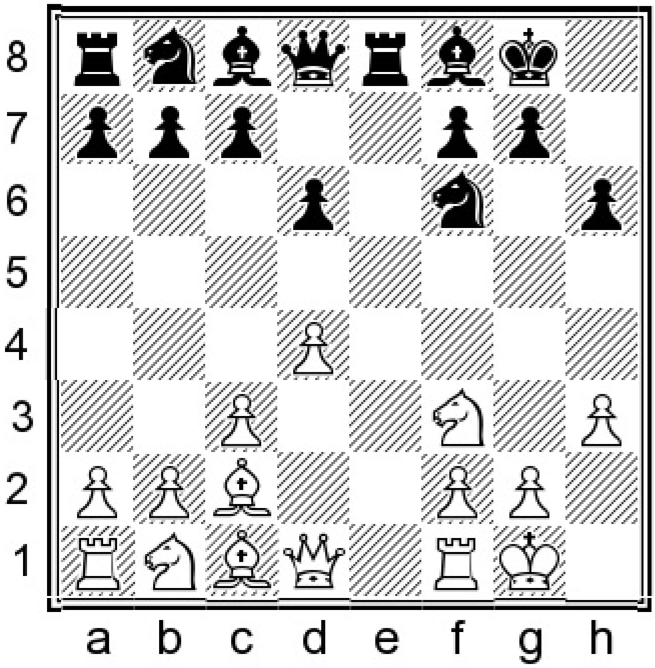
31...♕f6 32.♗c3 ♕d6 33.♗b4 ♕f6 34.♗c3 1/2-1/2

121. C42
Piorun, Kacper (2636) - Markus, Robert (2616)
Chennai (ol) 153/121, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♗d3!? ♘f6 6.O-O ♗e7 7.h3 O-O 8.c3 ♖e8 9.♗c2 ♗f8

9...b6 - 83/283

10.d4 h6



11.c4!?N

11.♗f4 ♗e6 12.♕d3 ♘c6±

11...c6

11...d5! 12.cxd5 ♘xd5 13.♘c3 ♗e6 14.♖e1 c6 15.♕d3 g6∞

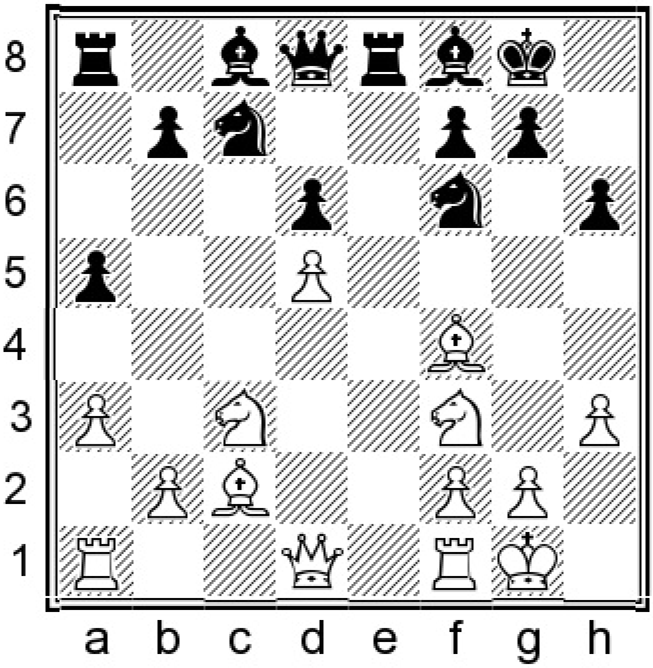
12.♘c3 ♘a6?!

12...d5±

13.♗f4 ♘b4 14.♗b1 a5 15.a3 ♘a6 16.♗c2 ♘c7 17.d5?!

17.♗d3±

17...cxd5 18.cxd5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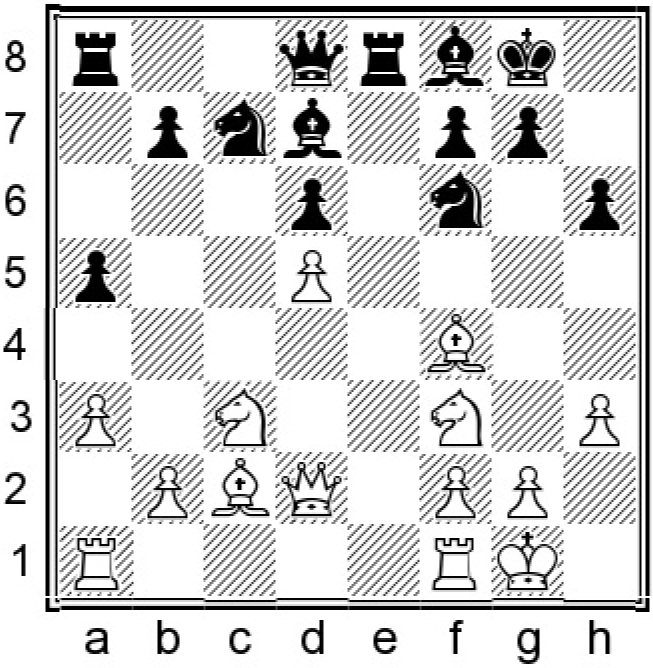
18...♗d7

18...b5! 19.♘d4 ♘fxd5 20.♘xd5 ♘xd5 21.♕d3 g6 22.♗g3 ♘f6∞

19.♕d2?!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19.♕d3! a4 20.♗e3 ♖a5 21.♗b6 ♖a6 22.♗d4 g6 23.♕c4± (23.♘h4!?↑)

19...a4! 20.♗e3 ♖a5 21.♗b6□ ♖a6 22.♗d4 ♘cxd5 23.♘xd5 ♘xd5∓ 24.♗xg7?

24.♖fe1∓

24...♗xg7 25.♕xd5 ♗c6 26.♕h5 ♕f6?!∓

26...♖a5! 27.♕g4 ♕c8! 28.♕xc8 ♖xc8-+

27.♖ae1 ♖aa8 28.♖e3 ♕xb2-+ 29.♕f5 ♕f6 30.♕h7+ ♔f8 31.♘h2 ♖xe3 32.fxe3 ♕e6 33.♘g4 ♖a5! 34.♗g6 ♗e8! 35.♗f5 ♕e7 36.♖f3 ♕g5 37.♗e6 ♖c5 38.♕e4 ♕e7 39.♖f1 h5 40.♕g6 ♖g5! 0-1

122. !N C43
Perunovic, Milos (2539) - Kurniawan, Muhamad Agus (2328)
Chennai (ol) 153/122, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.d4 ♘xe4 4.♗d3 d5 5.♘xe5 ♗d6 6.♘c3!? ♘xc3 7.bxc3 O-O

7...♘d7 8.O-O O-O - 7...0-0

8.O-O ♘d7 9.♖e1

9.♘xd7 - 28/(251)

9...c5

9...♗xe5 10.dxe5 ♘c5 11.♗f1±

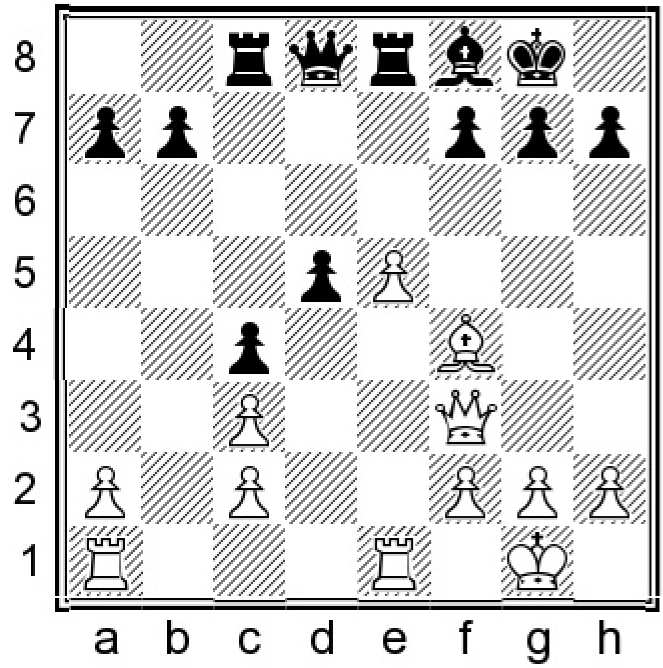
10.♕f3! c4 11.♗f5 ♘xe5

11...♘b6 12.♗xc8 ♕xc8 13.h4↑

12.dxe5 ♖e8 13.♗f4 ♗f8

13...♗xf5 14.exd6→

14.♗xc8 ♖xc8



15.♖e2!N

15.♖ed1 ♖c5⇄

15...♕a5

15...♖c5!? 16.♗e3! ♖a5 17.♗d4→

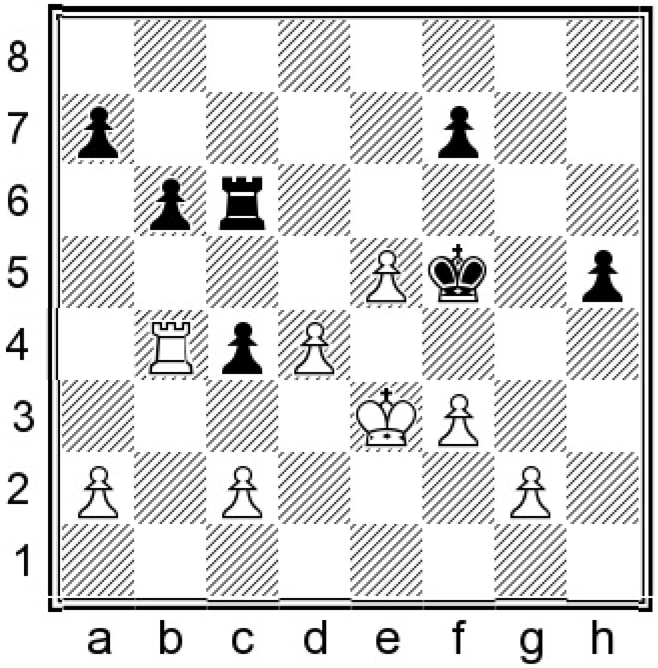
16.h4! ♖cd8 17.♖d2 ♕a3?!

17...b6 18.h5 h6 19.g3±

18.h5 d4?

18...h6 19.♔h2!→

19.♗g5 ♗e7 20.♗xe7 ♖xe7 21.h6! ♖e6 22.♖b1! b6 23.♖xd4 ♖xd4 24.♕a8+! ♕f8 25.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 26.hxg7+ ♔xg7 27.cxd4 ♔g6 28.f3! ♔f5 29.♔f2 ♖h6 30.♖b4 ♖c6 31.♔e3 h5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32.g4+! hxg4 33.fxg4+ ♔e6

33...♔xg4 34.♔e4+-

34.♔e4 ♖c8 35.d5+ ♔d7 36.♔f5 ♖c5 37.d6 b5 38.♔f6 ♖d5 39.a4 a6 40.axb5 axb5 41.g5! c3 42.g6 fxg6 43.♖h4 ♔c6 44.♖h8 b4 45.♖c8+ ♔d7 46.♖c7+ ♔d8 47.♔e6 ♖d4 48.♖h7 ♔c8 49.♖h8+ ♔b7 50.d7 1-0

C50-C74

123. C54
Shirov, Alexei (2697) - Livaic, Leon (2576)
Greece 153/123, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.♗b5 ♘e4 8.cxd4 ♗b6 9.♘c3 O-O 10.♗e3 f6 11.♕b3

11.exf6 - 151/108

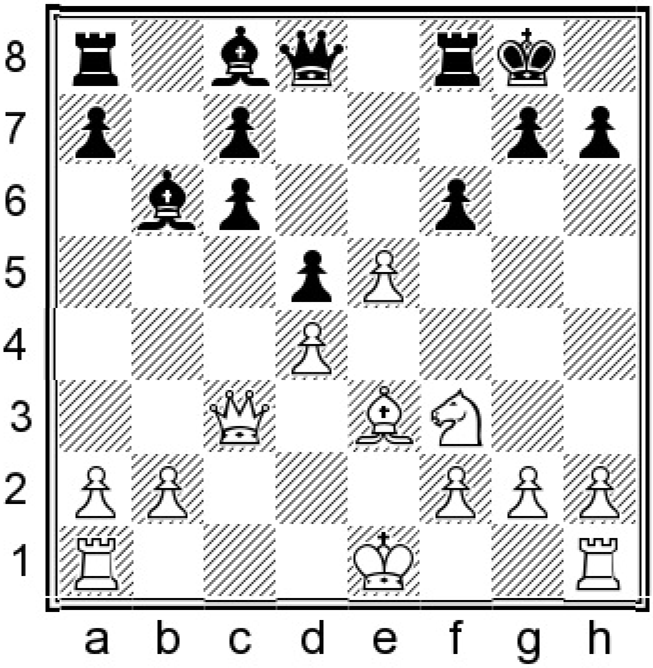
11...♘xc3

11...fxe5!? 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.♘xe5 (13.♘xe4 exd4 14.♘xd4 ♕e8 15.♘g5 ♗xd4 16.♕d3 ♖f5 17.♕xd4 ♖xg5 18.O-O ♖g6∞) 13...♘xf2!? 14.O-O! ♘g4 15.♘xc6 ♖xf1+ 16.♖xf1 ♕e8 17.♘xd5 ♔h8 18.♘xb6 axb6 19.d5 ♗a6 20.♖e1±; 11...♔h8!? 12.♕xd5 ♕xd5 13.♘xd5 ♗a5+ 14.♔e2 ♖d8⯹

12.♗xc6 bxc6

12...♗a5!? 13.♕a3! (13.bxc3 bxc6 14.O-O ♗g4 15.♕a4 ♗b6∞) 13...♘e4+ 14.♕xa5 bxc6 15.O-O f5 16.♗d2! f4 17.♗b4 ♖e8±

13.♕xc3



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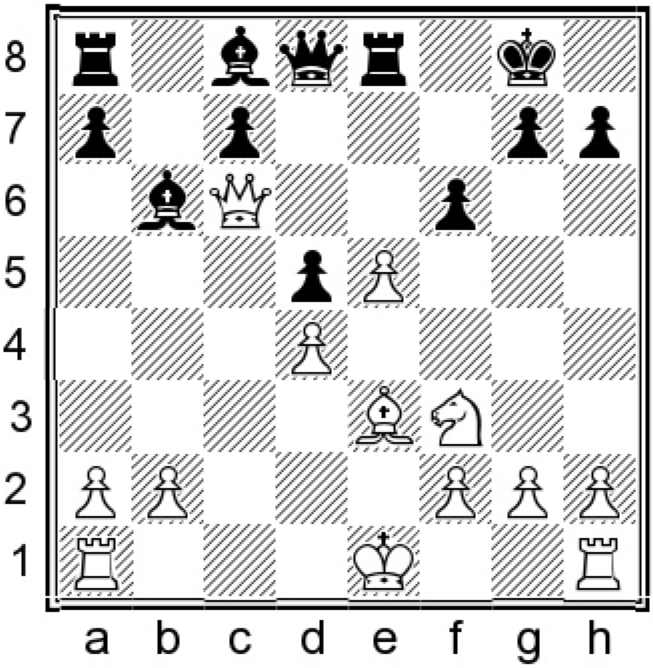
14.♕xc6?!



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14...♗a5+?!

14...♗g4! 15.exf6 (15.O-O?! ♗xf3 16.gxf3 fxe5 17.dxe5 ♖xe5∓; 15.O-O-O?! ♖e6 16.♕a4 fxe5 17.dxe5 ♗xf3 18.gxf3 ♖xe5∓) 15...♖e6! 16.f7+ ♔h8 17.♕a4 ♗xf3 18.gxf3 ♕f6 19.O-O-O ♕xf7∞

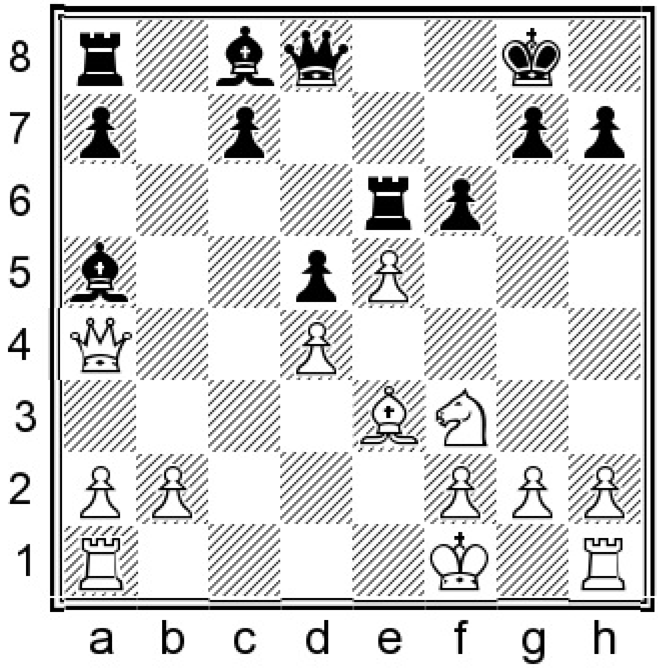
15.♔f1

15.♗d2! ♗xd2+ 16.♘xd2 fxe5 (16...♖b8 17.O-O ♖xb2 18.♕c3 ♖b6 19.f4±) 17.O-O ♖b8 18.dxe5 ♖xe5 19.♘f3 ♖e6 20.♕c3±

15...♖e6?!

15...♖b8! 16.exf6 (16.b3 ♖b6 17.♕c2 ♗g4⩱) 16...gxf6 17.♕c2 ♗b4⩱

16.♕a4



16.♕xa8?? ♗a6+-+

16...♗b6?

16...♖a6! 17.b4 (17.♕c2 ♖b8±) 17...♗d7 18.♕b3 ♖b8 19.♗d2 (19.♕xd5+ ♔h8 20.♔g1 ♗xb4±) 19...♗b5+ 20.♔g1 ♗c4 21.♕b1 ♗xb4 22.♗xb4 ♖ab6 23.h4 ♖xb4 24.♕f5±

17.h4!± fxe5 18.♘xe5 c5 19.dxc5 ♗c7

19...♖xe5 20.cxb6 ♖e4 21.♕b3 axb6 22.♖d1 ♗e6 23.♗d4±

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23.♕c4+ ♗e6 24.♕d3 ♗f5 25.♘xd4 ♔h8 26.♖d1 ♗g6 27.h5 1-0

124. * C54
Sychev, Klementy (2547) - Kobalia, Mihail (2578)
Turkiye 153/124, 2022

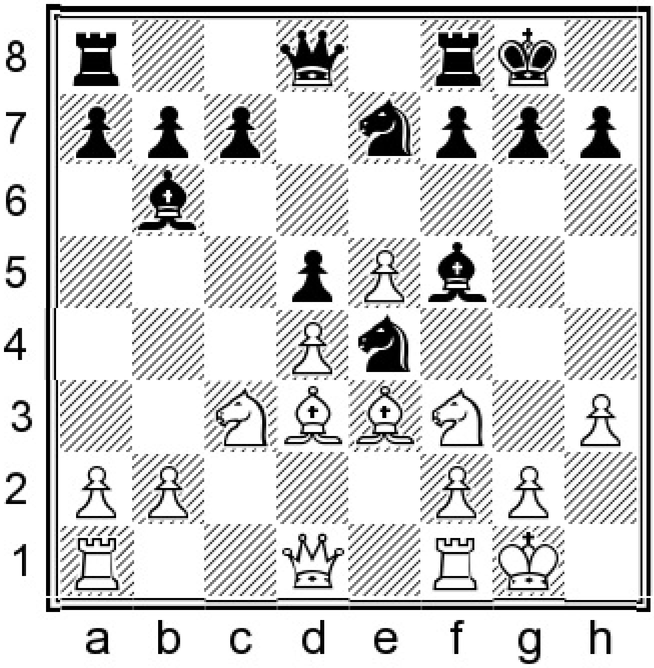
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.♗b5 ♘e4 8.cxd4 ♗b6 9.♘c3 ♗g4 10.♗e3 O-O 11.h3 ♗f5

11...♗h5 - 151/107

12.O-O - 153/ 124

12.♖c1N ♘e7 13.O-O ♔h8 14.♗d3 ♘xc3 15.bxc3 ♗xd3 16.♕xd3 ♕d7 17.♗g5 f6 18.♗d2 ♘g6 19.♖ce1 ♖ae8 20.exf6 gxf6 21.♗h6 ♖g8 22.♖xe8 ♖xe8 23.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 24.♘xe1 c6 25.♕f3 ♕e6 26.♘d3 ♗c7 27.g3 ♗d6 28.h4 Csonka,A (2357)-Kranz,A (2111) Oesterreich 153/(124) 2022 (28.h4 f5!? 29.♗f4 (29.h5 ♕e4=) 29...♗xf4 30.♘xf4 ♕e4=)

12...♘e7 13.♗d3



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13...♕d7; 13...♗a5

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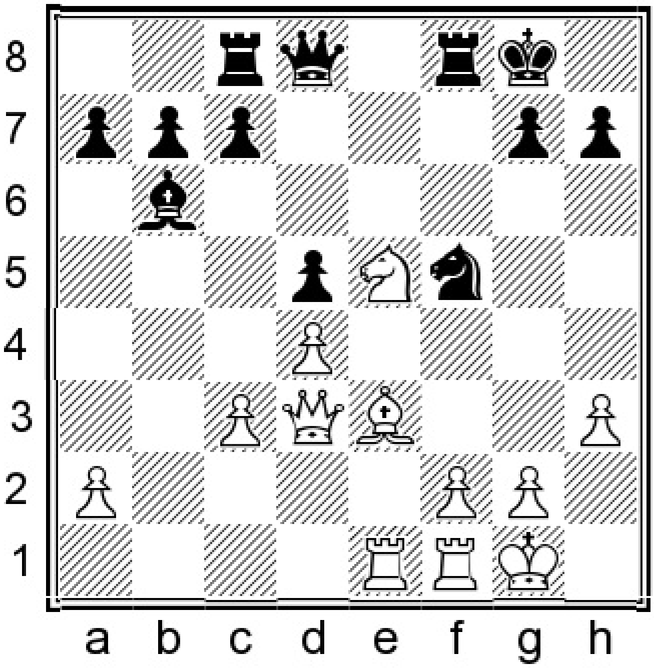

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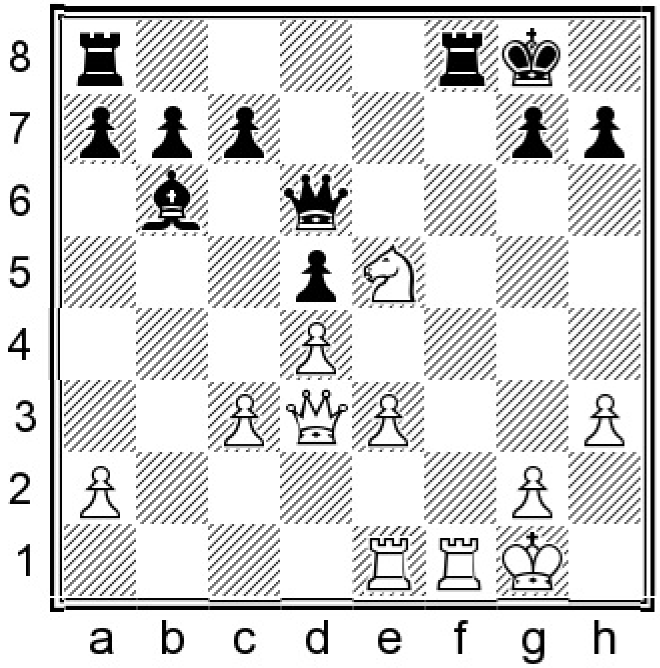
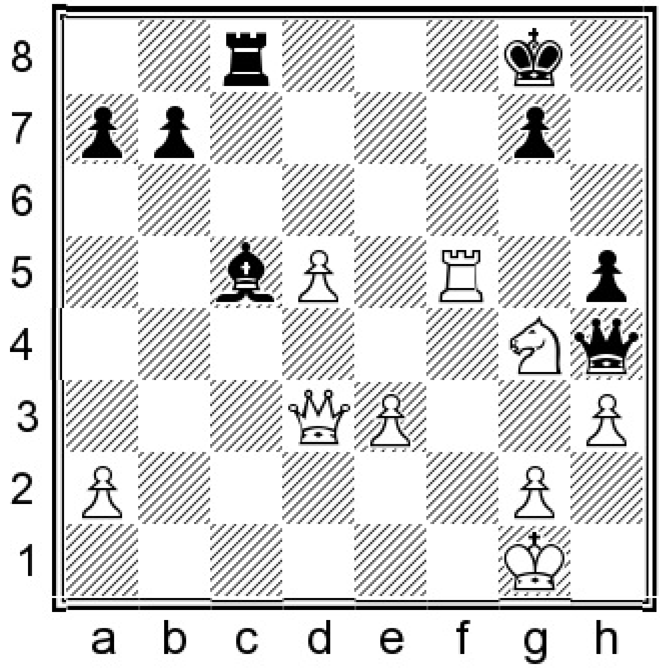


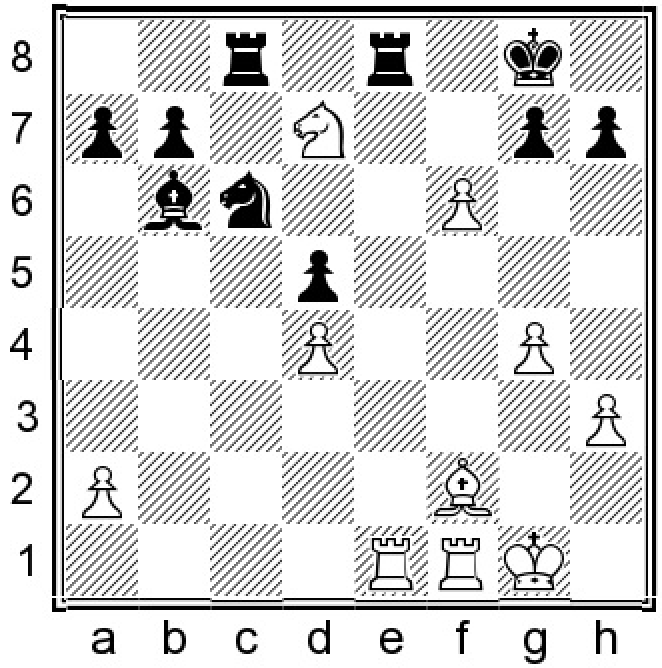
(19...♕g5 20.c4! ♖xf1+ (20...c6 21.cxd5 ♖xf1+ 22.♖xf1 cxd5 23.♕b3 ♕d8 24.♖f7 ♕d6 25.♖d7 ♕e6 26.♖xd5 ♖e8 27.♖d7 ♕xb3 28.axb3 ♖b8 29.♘c4 ♗d8 30.♘d6 ♗g5 31.♔f2+-) 21.♖xf1 ♕d8 22.♘f7 ♕d7 23.♘g5 g6 24.c5 ♗a5 25.♖f7 ♕d8 26.♖g7+!+-; 19...♕e7 20.♔h1! ♖xf1+ 21.♖xf1 ♖f8 22.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 23.c4 c6 (23...♕d8 24.♕f5+-) 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.♕b5 ♕d8 26.♘d7+-) 20.♔h1! c6 (20...g6 21.e4 c5 (21...dxe4 22.♕c4+ ♔g7 23.♖f7+ ♔h8 24.♖d7+-; 21...c6 22.exd5 cxd5 23.c4 ♖xf1+ 24.♖xf1 ♖f8 25.c5 ♗xc5 26.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 27.♕f1++-) 22.exd5! cxd4 23.cxd4 ♕xd5 24.♘xg6 ♖xf1+ 25.♖xf1 ♕xd4 26.♕b3+ ♔g7 27.♕f7+ ♔h6 28.♘e7+-) 21.e4 dxe4 (21...♖xf1+ 22.♖xf1 ♖f8 23.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 24.exd5 cxd5 25.♕b5 ♕d8 26.♘d7+-; 21...c5 22.exd5 ♕xd5 23.♕b5 ♕xa2 24.dxc5 ♕d5 25.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 26.♘d7 ♖f2 27.♖e8+ ♔f7 28.♘e5+ ♔f6 29.♘g4++-) 22.♕xe4 ♕d5 23.♕g4 ♕xa2 24.c4+-

19.♗c1

19.c4! c6 (19...♘xe3 20.fxe3 c6 21.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.♖f1 ♕d6 24.♕f5 ♖f8 25.♕xf8+ ♕xf8 26.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 27.♘d7+ ♔e7 28.♘xb6 axb6 29.♔f2 ♔e6 30.♔f3+-; 19...c5 20.dxc5 ♘xe3 21.fxe3 ♖xf1+ 22.♖xf1 ♗xc5 (22...♖xc5 23.♕f5 ♕f6 24.♕h5 g6 25.♕h6 ♕g7 26.♕g5 ♖c8 27.♖f7 ♕h8 28.♖e7+-) 23.cxd5 ♕g5 (23...♕b6 24.d6!!+-) 24.♘g4 ♗d6 (24...h5 25.♖f5 ♕h4



26.d6!! ♕e1+ 27.♔h2 hxg4 28.♕d5+ ♔h7 29.♖h5+ ♔g6 30.♕f5#) 25.♕e4 ♕e7 26.♘h6+! ♔h8 27.♘f7+ ♔g8 28.♕xe7 (28.♘xd6 ♕xd6 29.♕f5 ♖f8 30.♕xf8+ ♕xf8 31.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 32.e4 b5 33.♔f2 a5 34.♔e3 b4 35.♔d3 a4 36.♔c4 b3 37.axb3 a3 38.♔c3+-) 28...♗xe7 29.d6 ♗f6 30.d7 ♖f8 31.♖xf6+-) 20.g4 ♘h4 (20...♘xe3 21.fxe3 dxc4 22.♕xc4+ ♕d5 23.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 24.♕xd5+ cxd5 25.♘d7 ♗a5 26.♘xf8 ♗xe1 27.♘e6 ♗g3 28.♘d8 b5 29.♘c6 a6 30.♘e7+ ♔f7 31.♘xd5 ♔e6 32.e4 a5 33.♔f1 b4 34.♔e2 ♗d6 35.♔d3+-; 20...♘e7 21.c5 ♗a5 (21...♗c7 22.♗g5 ♗xe5 23.♖xe5 ♖f7 24.♖fe1 ♖c7 25.♕e3 ♔f8 26.f4 h6 27.♗h4 ♖d7 28.f5+-) 22.♖b1 b5 23.♗g5 ♕e8 24.♗xe7 ♕xe7 25.f4±) 21.f4 (21.c5 ♗a5 22.♖b1 b5 23.f4±) 21...dxc4 22.♕xc4+ ♕d5 23.♕xd5+ cxd5 24.♗f2 ♘g6 25.f5 ♘e7 (25...♘f4 26.♗e3 ♘xh3+ 27.♔g2 ♖c3 28.♘f3 ♖e8 29.♗d2 ♖xe1 30.♖xe1 ♖d3 31.♖e8+! ♔f7 32.♘e5+ ♔xe8 33.♘xd3 ♗xd4 34.♔xh3 ♔d7 35.♘f4 ♔d6 36.♘e6 ♗e5 37.♔g2+-; 25...♘xe5 26.dxe5 ♗xf2+ (26...d4 27.♖d1±) 27.♖xf2±) 26.♘d7 ♖fe8 27.f6 ♘c6



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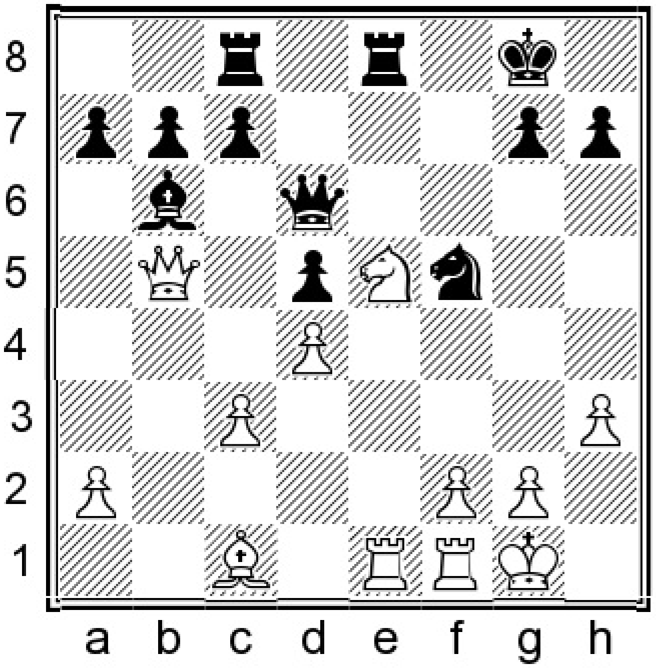
19...♕d6 20.♕b5?

20.g4 ♘h4 (20...♘e7 21.c4 dxc4 (21...c5 22.♗a3 ♘c6 (22...dxc4 23.♕xc4+ ♕d5 - 21...dc4) 23.♘xc6 bxc6 (23...♖xc6 24.♖e5 dxc4 25.♕xc4+ ♔h8 26.♖d5 ♕f4 27.♗xc5 ♕f3 28.♕b3 ♕xb3 29.axb3 ♗xc5 30.dxc5 h6 31.♔g2 b6 32.b4 ♖f4 33.♖b1 bxc5 34.♖xc5 ♖xc5 35.bxc5 ♖c4 36.♖b5 ♔h7 37.♖a5+-) 24.♖c1 ♖fd8 25.♖fd1 ♕e7 26.dxc5 ♗xc5 (26...dxc4 27.cxb6+-) 27.♗xc5 ♕xc5 28.cxd5 ♕d6 29.♕b3+-) 22.♕xc4+ ♕d5 23.♗a3 c5 24.dxc5 ♗xc5 (24...♕xc4 25.♘xc4 ♗xc5 26.♗xc5 ♖xc5 27.♖xe7 ♖xc4 28.♖xb7 ♖a4 29.♖b2 ♖f3 30.♔g2 ♖fa3 31.♖c1 ♖xa2 32.♖b8+ ♔f7 33.♖b7+ ♔e6 34.♖xg7 ♖f4 35.♖xh7) 25.♕xd5+ ♘xd5 26.♗xc5 ♖xc5 27.♘d7+-) 21.f4 ♘g6 22.♔g2 c5 (22...♘h4+ 23.♔g3 ♘g6 24.f5 ♘xe5 25.dxe5 ♕c5 26.e6 c6 27.g5 ♗c7+ 28.♔g2 ♕d6 29.♗f4 ♕e7 30.♗xc7 ♖xc7 31.♕g3 ♔h8 32.f6+-) 23.f5 ♘xe5 24.dxe5 ♕c6 25.♕f3 d4 26.♕xc6 ♖xc6 27.c4 ♗a5 28.♖e4 d3 (28...♗c3 29.e6 ♖a6 30.g5 ♖xa2+ 31.♔h1 d3 32.e7 ♖e8 33.f6 gxf6 34.gxf6 ♔f7 (34...♗xf6 35.♖xf6 d2 36.♖g4++-) 35.♖g4 ♗xf6 36.♗g5 ♖xe7 37.♗xf6 ♖ee2 38.♗d4+ ♔e7 39.♗xc5+ ♔d7 40.♖g7+ ♔c6 41.♗g1 ♖e6 42.♖ff7 d2 43.♖c7+ ♔d6 44.♗h2+ ♖e5 45.♗xe5+ ♔xe5 46.♖g1+-) 29.♖d1 ♖d8 30.e6 (30.♗g5 ♖d4 31.♖e3 h6 32.e6 ♔f8 33.♗h4 d2 34.♖a3 b6 35.♗f2 ♖xc4 36.♖xa5 bxa5 37.♖xd2 ♖c8) 30...d2 31.♗xd2! ♗xd2 (31...♖cd6 32.♗xa5 ♖xd1 33.♗xd8 ♖xd8 34.g5+-) 32.e7 ♖e8 33.♖xd2 ♖c7 34.♖d8 ♔f7 35.g5!+-

20...♖fe8



21.♗f4

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21...c6 22.♕b3

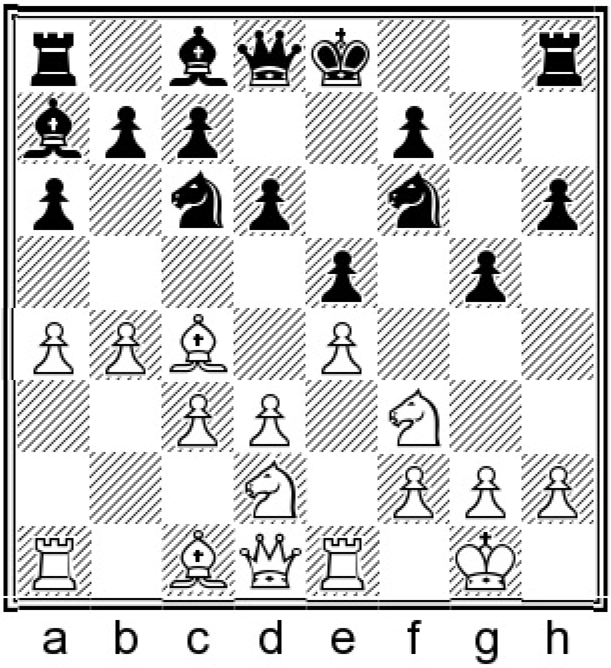
22.♕d3!?

22...♕e6 23.♕b1 ♖f8 24.♘c4 ♕f7 25.♘xb6 axb6 26.♕xb6 ♘xd4 27.♗d6 ♖fd8 28.♖e7 ♘e2+ 29.♔h1 ♘g3+ 30.♔g1 ♘e2+ 31.♖xe2 ♖xd6 32.♖fe1 ♖d7 33.♖e3 ♖f8 34.♖f3 ♖e7 35.♖ee3 1/2-1/2

125. * C54
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2766) - Caruana, Fabiano (2783)

Madrid (ct) 153/125, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.O-O d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 ♗a7 8.♖e1 h6 9.♘bd2 g5 10.b4



10.♘f1 g4 11.♘h4! (11.♘3d2 - 133/121) 11...♘xe4 12.dxe4 ♕xh4 13.♗e3⯹

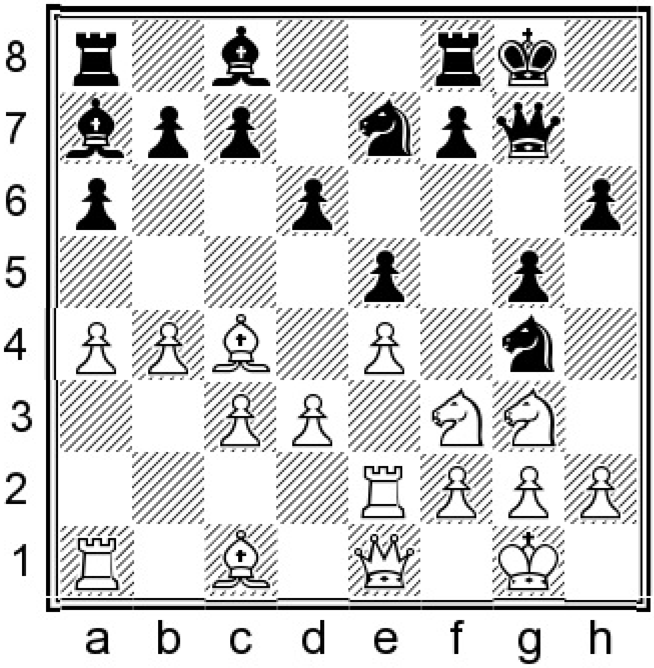
10...♘g4N

10...g4 - 148/109; 10...♘h5; 10...♘h7

11.♖e2 ♕f6 12.♕e1!? - 153/125

12.♕f1!?; 12.♘f1?!N ♘xf2 13.♖xf2 ♗xf2+ 14.♔xf2 g4 15.♘e3 ♘e7 16.♗d2 ♖g8∓ Hou,Y (2650) - Lagno,K (2547) chess.com (Int.-m2/4-blitz) 153/(125) 2022

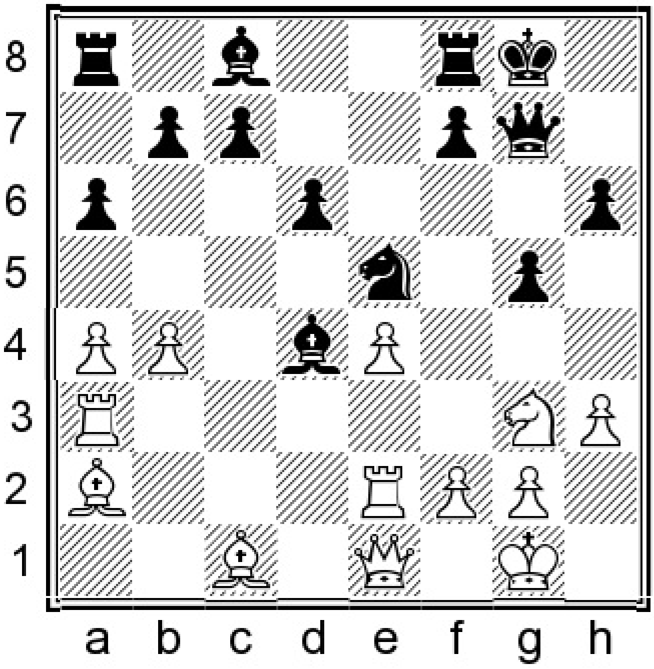
12...♕g7 13.♘f1 O-O 14.♘g3 ♘e7



15.d4! exd4 16.cxd4 ♘c6 17.♖a3

17.♗b2 ♘xd4 18.♗xd4 ♗xd4 19.♘xd4 ♕xd4 20.♖c1∞

17...♘xd4 18.♘xd4 ♗xd4 19.h3 ♘e5 20.♗a2



20...c5! 21.bxc5 ♗xc5

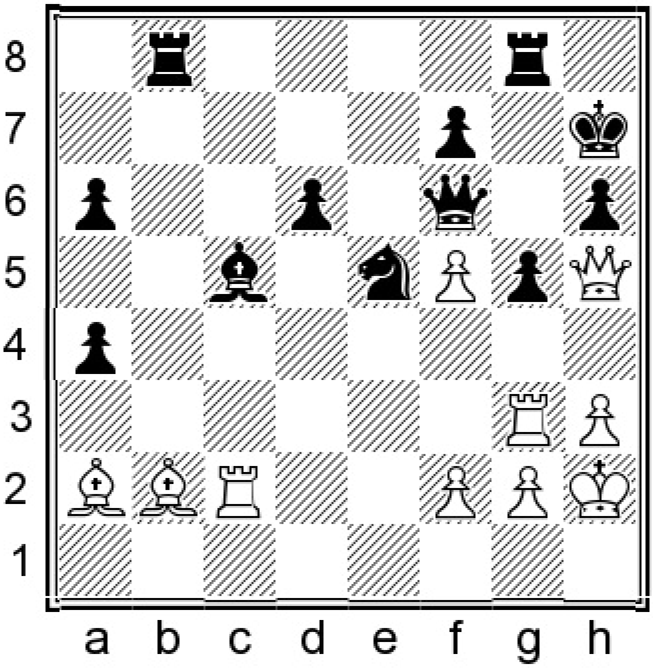
21...dxc5!?

22.♖b3 b5! 23.♘f5 ♕f6 24.♔h2 bxa4! 25.♖g3 ♔h7 26.♕d1 ♗d7

26...♗xf5 27.exf5 ♖ac8! (27...♖ab8 28.♕xa4) 28.♗b2 (28.♕xa4? ♗xf2; 28.♗d5 ♖c7) 28...♖b8!

(28...♖c7 29.♕xa4) 29.♕c2 ♖xb2! 30.♕xb2 a3∓

27.♖c2? ♗xf5! 28.exf5 ♖ab8∓ 29.♕h5 ♖g8 30.♗b2 ♖ge8? 31.♗c1 ♖g8 32.♗b2



32...♖ge8?

32...♖xb2! 33.♖xb2 a3 34.♖b7 (34.♖e2 ♖b8-+) 34...♗xf2! 35.♖c3 d5!-+ 36.♖cc7 (36.♗xd5?? ♕d6) 36...♔h8 37.♗xd5 ♘g4+ (37...g4-+) 38.♕xg4 (38.hxg4 ♕e5+) 38...♕a1

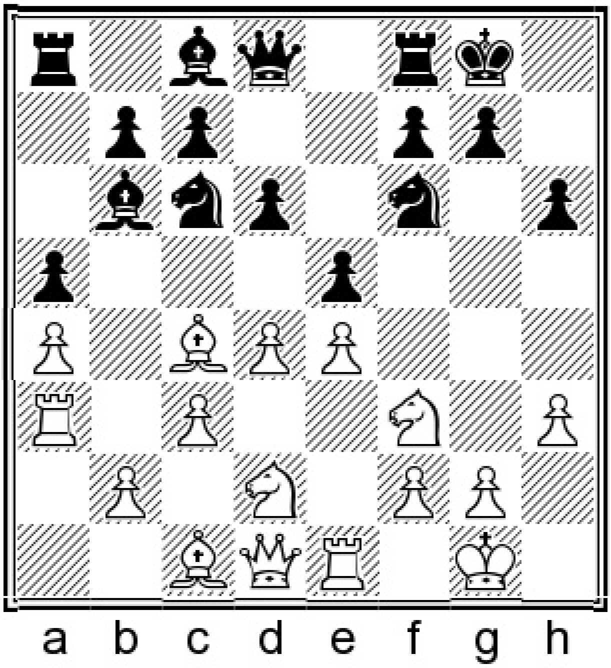
33.♗c1 1/2-1/2

126. ** C54
Ivic, Velimir (2583) - Goganov, Aleksey (2530)
Turkiye 153/126, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 h6 7.♖e1 O-O 8.h3 ♗b6 9.♘bd2 ♘e7 10.d4 ♘c6 11.a4 a5

11...exd4 - 151/116

12.♖a3!?

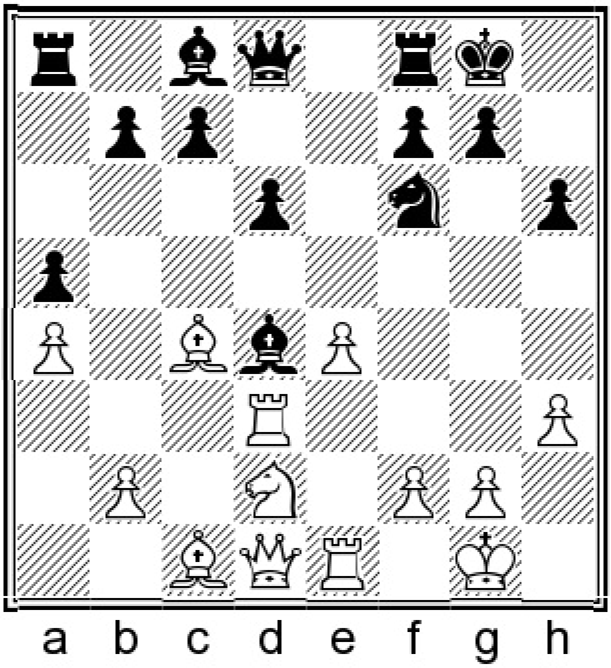


12.dxe5 ♘xe5 13.♘xe5 dxe5 14.♗f1∞

12...exd4N

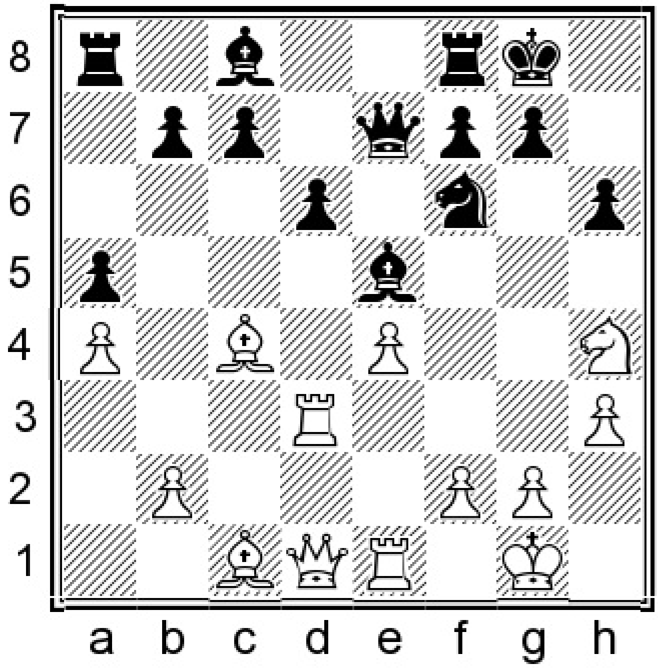
12...♖e8 - 153/ (126) 13.♗a2 exd4 (13...♗d7 14.♘c4 ♗a7 15.♗b1 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 ♖xe1+ 18.♕xe1 ♘xd5 19.♘xa5 ♘xd4 20.♘xd4 ♗xd4 21.♕e4 ♖xa5 22.♕xd4±) 14.cxd4 ♘xd4 15.♘xd4 ♗xd4 16.♖d3 ♗a7 17.e5 ♕e7= Grandelius,N (2672)-Howell, D (2646) Sverige - England (m/7) 153/(126) 2022

13.cxd4 ♘xd4 14.♘xd4 ♗xd4 15.♖d3



15...♗c5??N

15...♗e5 - 153/(126) 16.♘f3 (16.♗b3 ♗e6 17.♘c4 ♘d7! 18.♘xe5 ♘xe5 19.♖g3 ♔h8 20.♕h5=∞) 16...♕e7 17.♘h4



17...♘d5! 18.♕h5 ♘f6 19.♘g6 ♘xh5 20.♘xe7+ ♔h7 21.g4 ♘f4 22.♗xf4 ♗xf4 23.♘d5 ♗e6 24.♘xf4 ♗xc4 25.♖c3 b5= Aronian,L (2785)-Oparin,G (2674) Berlin 153/(126) 2022

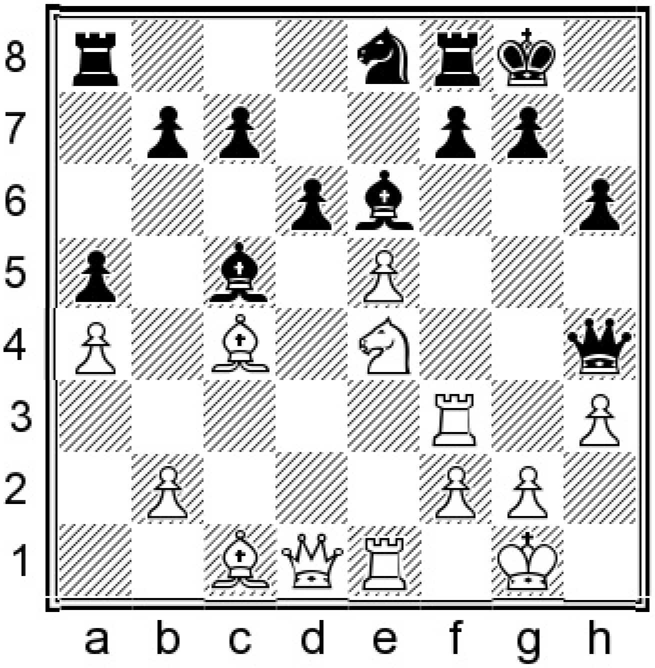
16.e5 ♘e8

16...♘d7 17.♘e4 ♘xe5 (17...♗b4 18.♗xh6! gxh6 19.♖g3+ ♔h7 20.♕c2 ♔h8 21.♕c1+-) 18.♖g3! ♘xc4 (18...♕h4 19.♘xc5 ♘xc4 (19...♕xc4 20.♖xe5! dxe5 21.♗xh6+-) 20.♖e4 ♕f6 21.♖f4 ♕d8 22.♖xc4 dxc5 23.♕h5+-) 19.♗xh6 g6 20.♗xf8 ♕xf8 21.♘xc5 dxc5 22.♕d5+-

17.♘e4 ♕h4

17...♗b4 18.♗xh6! ♗xe1 (18...gxh6 19.♕h5+-) 19.♕h5 ♗e6 (19...♗b4 20.♗xg7 ♘xg7 21.♖g3+-) 20.♖g3+-

18.♖f3 ♗e6



18...♗b4 19.♖f4 ♕d8 20.♘f6+ ♔h8 (20...gxf6 21.♕h5+-) 21.♕d3 g6 22.♕e3+-; 18...dxe5 19.♕d5+-

19.♗xe6

19.♖f4! ♕d8 (19...♕e7 20.♘f6+! gxf6 (20...♔h8 21.♕c2 g6 (21...gxf6 22.♖h4+-) 22.♖f3+-) 21.♖g4+! ♗xg4 22.♕xg4+ ♔h8 23.♕h4+-) 20.♗xe6 fxe6 21.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 22.♘xc5 dxc5 23.♕f3+ ♔g8 24.♖d1 ♕c8 25.♕g4+-

19...fxe6 20.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 21.♕f3+ ♔g8 22.♘xc5 dxc5 23.♕b3!

23.♕xb7 ♕b4 24.♕e4 ♖d8±

23...♖a6 24.♕b5

24.♕xb7! ♕b4 25.♕e4 ♖b6 26.♖e2 ♕xe4 27.♖xe4+-

24...c6 25.♕b3 ♕e7 26.♖d1 ♖a8 27.♗e3 c4! 28.♕xc4 ♘c7 29.♖d6 ♘d5

29...♕f7 30.♗d2 ♖f8 31.f3±

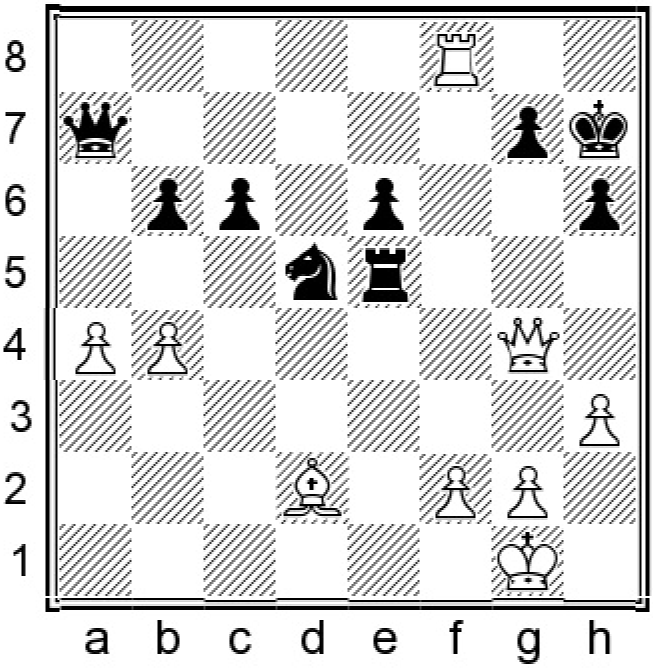
30.♗d2 ♖f8

⌓30...h5±

31.♕g4 ♖f5 32.♗xa5?!

32.♕e4 ♘b4 33.b3±

32...♖xe5 33.♖d8+ ♔h7 34.♖b8 ♕f7 35.♗d2 b6 36.b4 ♕a7 37.♖f8



37...♕e7?

37...♕xa4! 38.♖f7 (38.♗xh6 ♕a1+ 39.♔h2 ♖f5 40.♖e8 ♕e5+ 41.f4 ♘xf4 42.♗xf4 ♕xf4+ 43.♕xf4 ♖xf4 44.♖xe6=) 38...♕a1+ 39.♔h2 ♖f5 40.♖xf5 exf5 41.♕xf5+ ♔h8 42.♕c8+ ♔h7 43.♕xc6 ♕e5+ 44.g3 ♕f5=

38.♕f3 ♘f6 39.♕d3+ ♖f5

39...g6 40.♖xf6 ♕xf6 41.♕d7+ ♔g8 42.♗c3+-

40.♖c8 ♕b7 41.♖d8 g6

41...♕f7 42.g4 ♕g6 43.♔f1+-

42.♕e3 1-0

127. * C58
Miron, Lucian Costin (2510) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2645)
Targu Mures 153/127, 2022

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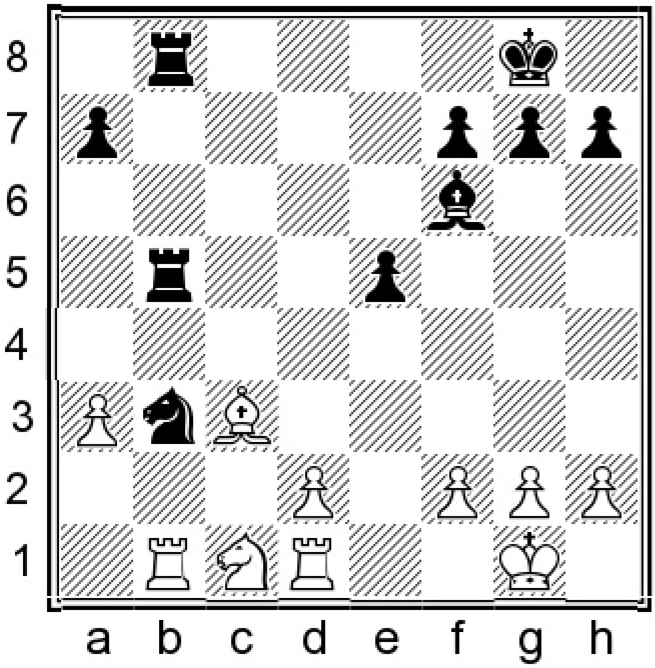

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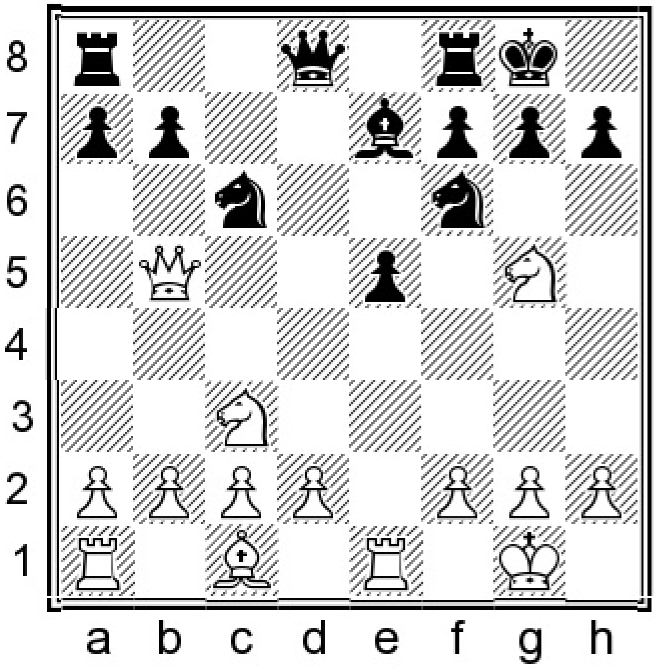

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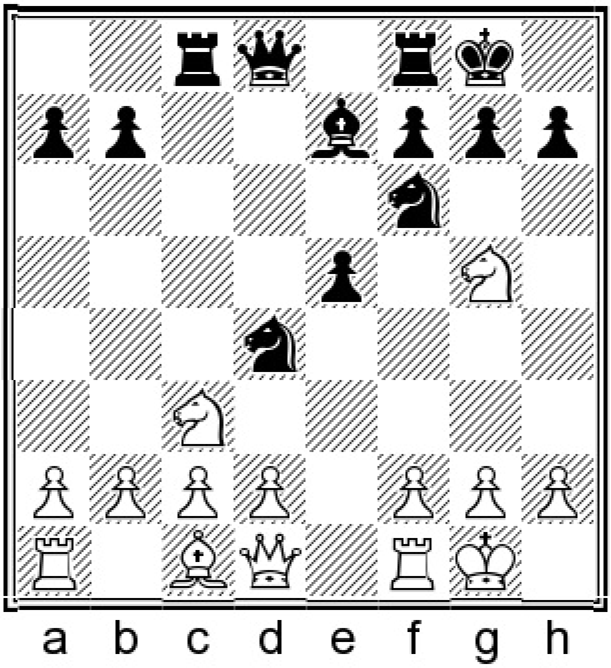

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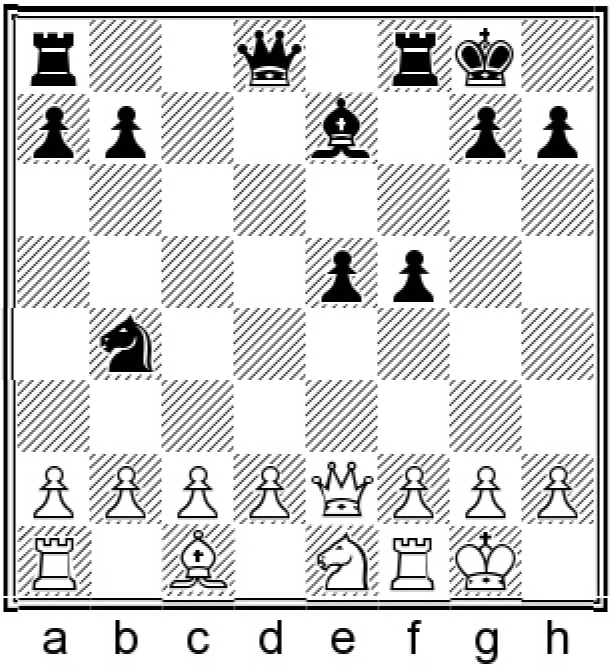

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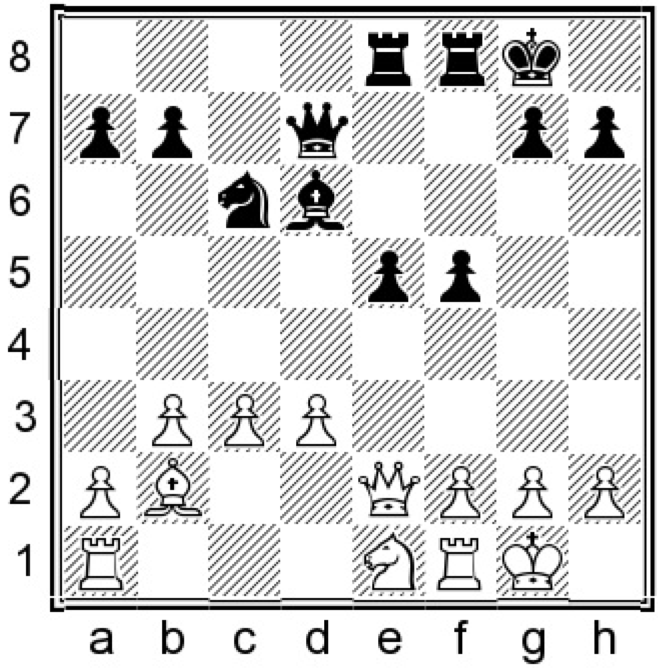

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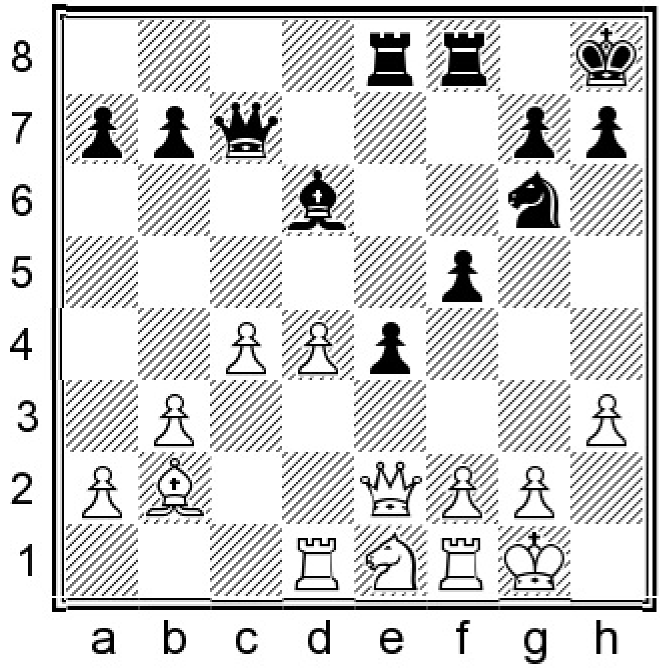

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28.♕c4 ♕c6

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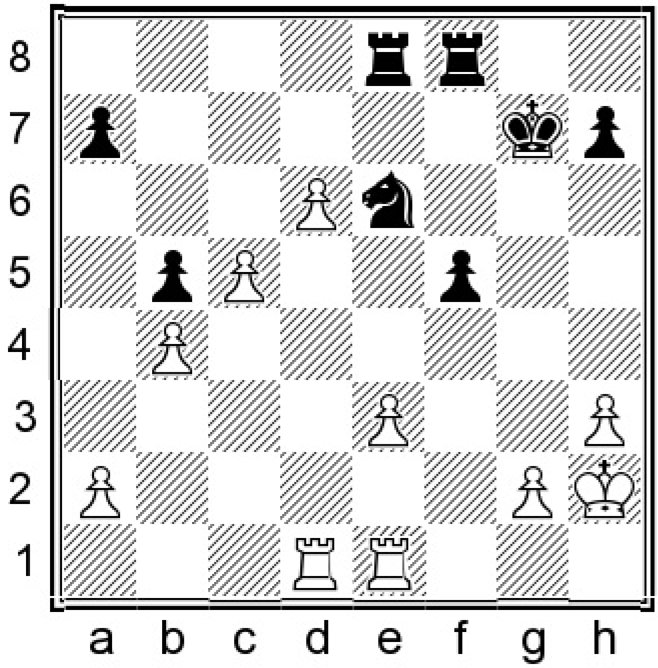
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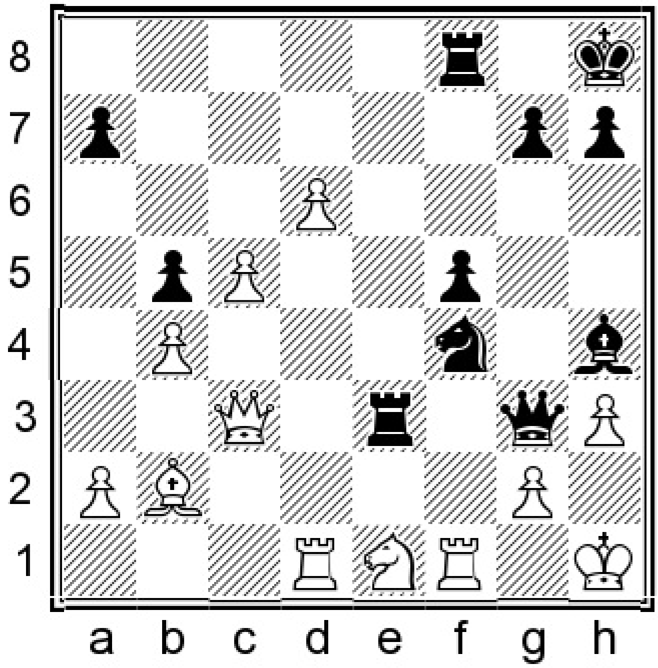
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36.d7 ♖d8 37.c6 ♖e6 38.♘f3! ♖xc6 39.♖de1 h6 40.♖e8+ ♔h7 41.♘e5+-

36...♕xh3+ 37.♔g1 ♗xe1-+ 38.♕xe1 ♕g4+ 0-1

128. C58
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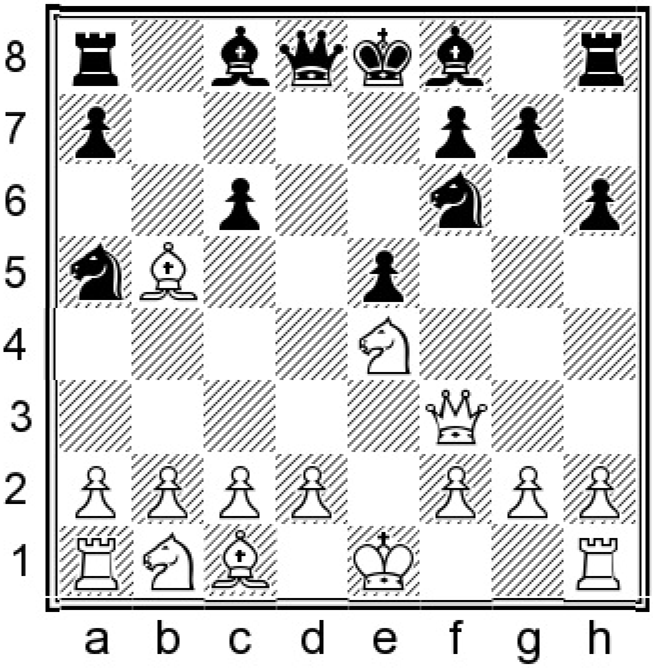
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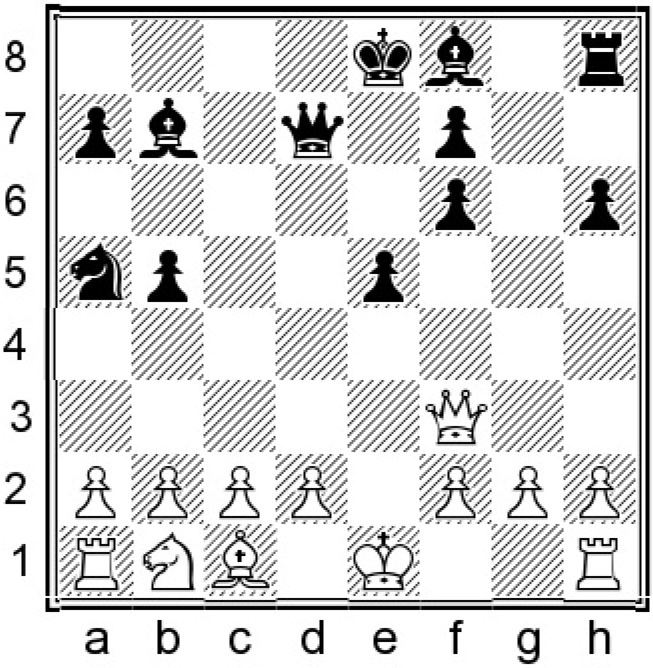
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16.♗e3

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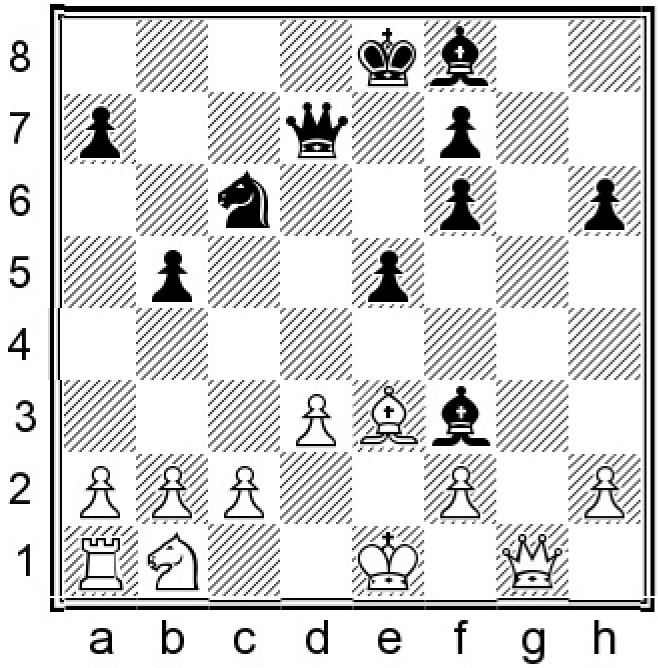

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19.♔d2 e4 20.d4

20.a3! ♘c6 (20...♘d5 21.♘c3+-) 21.♘c3 exd3 (21...♘e5? 22.d4 ♘c4+ 23.♔c1+-) 22.cxd3 (22.♖e1 b4! (22...dxc2+? 23.♔c1 ♘e5 24.♗f4+-) 23.♗c5+ ♘e5 24.♕g8 bxc3+ 25.♔xc3 ♕d5 26.♕xf8+ ♔d7 27.♕e7+ ♔c8 28.♖xe5! fxe5 29.cxd3±) 22...♘e5 23.♕f1 ♗h5 24.♘e4±

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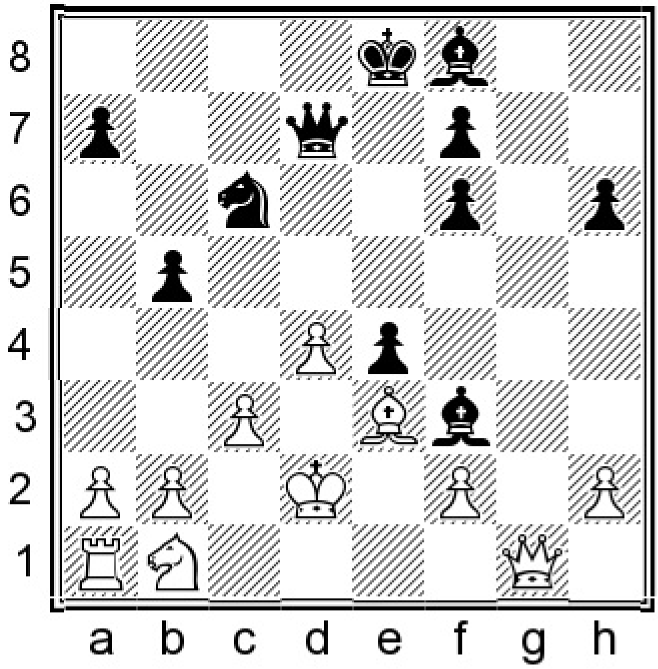

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22.♔e1?

22.♕f1! f5 (22...♘e5 23.♔c2 ♘d3 24.♘d2+-) 23.♔c2 ♗d6 (23...f4 24.♗xf4 e3 25.♗xe3 ♗e4+ 26.♔c1 ♗g6 27.b3+-) 24.♘d2 f4 (24...♗h5 25.a4 a6 26.axb5 axb5 27.♗xh6+-) 25.♘xf3 fxe3 (25...exf3 26.♗d2+-) 26.♘h4 exf2 (26...♕h5 27.fxe3 ♕xh4 28.♕xb5+-) 27.♕xf2 ♘b4+! (27...♕c4 28.♖e1 ♘b4+ 29.♔d1+-) 28.cxb4 ♕c4+ 29.♔d1 ♕d3+ 30.♕d2 ♕f1+ 31.♔c2 ♕xa1 32.♘f5 ♗c7 33.♕g2+-

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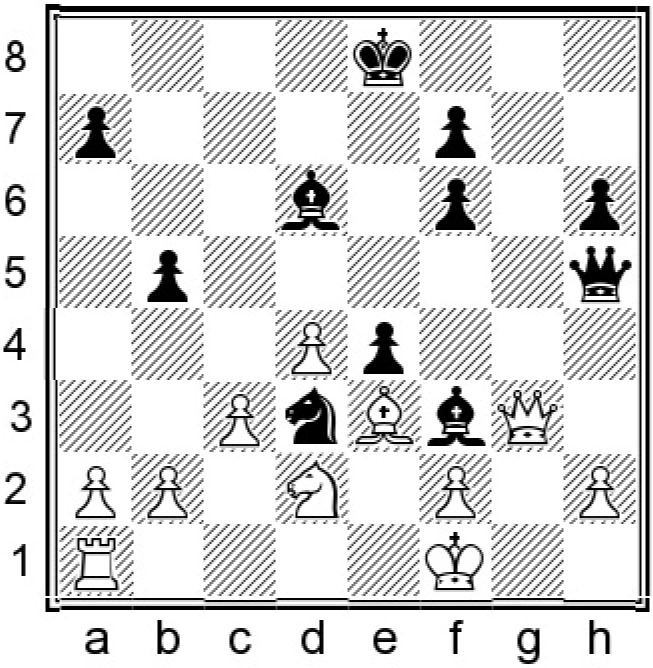

26.♘xe4! ♝xe4 27.♕xd6 ♛f3 28.♕b8+

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129. C65
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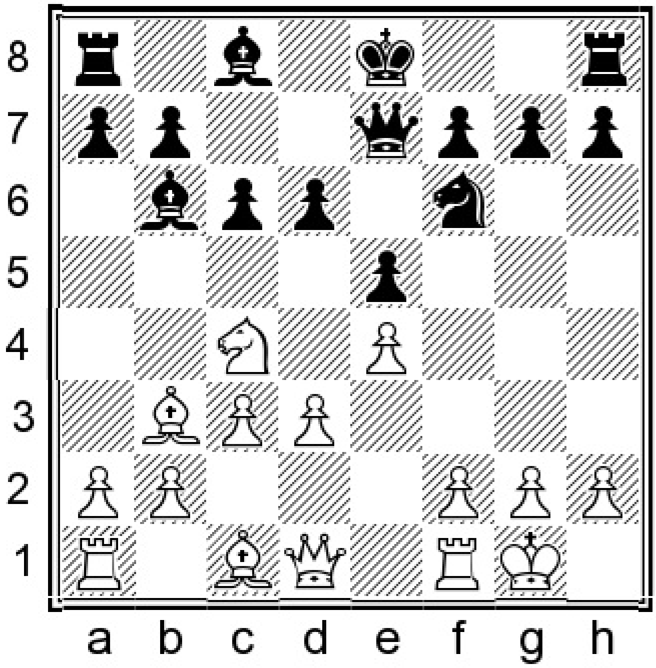


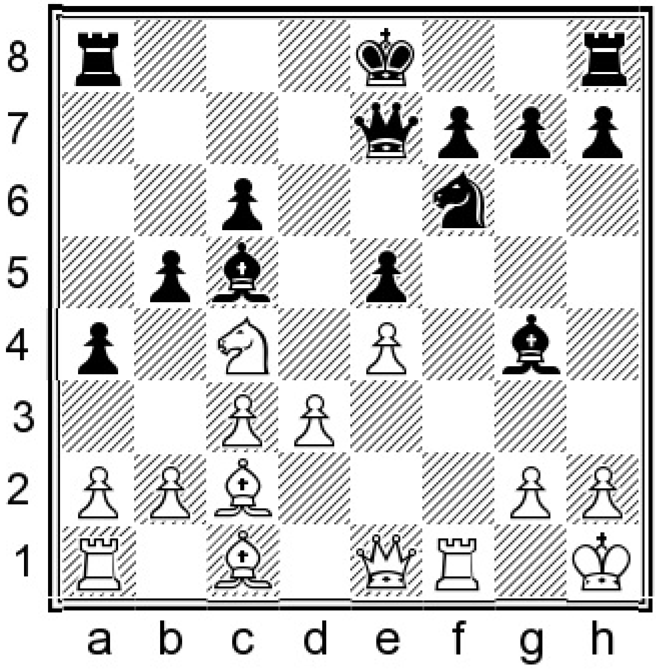
11...♗g4?!N

11...♗c7 12.f4 ♗e6 13.fxe5 (13.♕e2 O-O-O 14.f5 ♗xc4 15.♗xc4 (15.dxc4!?∞) 15...d5 16.♗b3 ♗b6+ 17.♔h1 h5∞) 13...dxe5 14.♗g5 O-O-O∞

12.♕e1 ♗c5 13.♔h1 a5?

13...b5 14.♘e3 ♗e6 15.f4 exf4 16.♖xf4 ♗xe3 17.♗xe3 ♗xb3 18.axb3 O-O 19.♕g3 ♘d7 20.♖ff1±

14.f4 a4 15.♗c2 b5 16.fxe5 dxe5



17.♘xe5! ♕xe5 18.d4 ♗xd4

18...♕h5 19.dxc5 O-O 20.h3 ♗e6 21.♗e3±

19.cxd4 ♕xd4 20.♗e3?!

20.♗d2! ♕xb2 21.♖c1 ♕e5 (21...♕xa2 22.h3! ♗e6 23.♗b1 ♕b2 24.♗c3 ♕a3 25.♗b4 ♕b2 26.♖xc6+-) 22.♗c3 ♕e7 23.♗d3 ♗e6 24.♗b4 ♕b7 25.e5 ♘d5 26.♗d6±

20...♕xb2 21.♕f2 ♗e6 22.♗d4 ♕b4 23.♗c5 ♕c3 24.♖ac1

24.♗d4 ♕b4 25.♗c5=

24...♖d8 25.♗b1

25.h3 ♖d2 26.♕f4 ♕xc5! 27.♕xd2 O-O 28.♗xa4 ♕e5∞

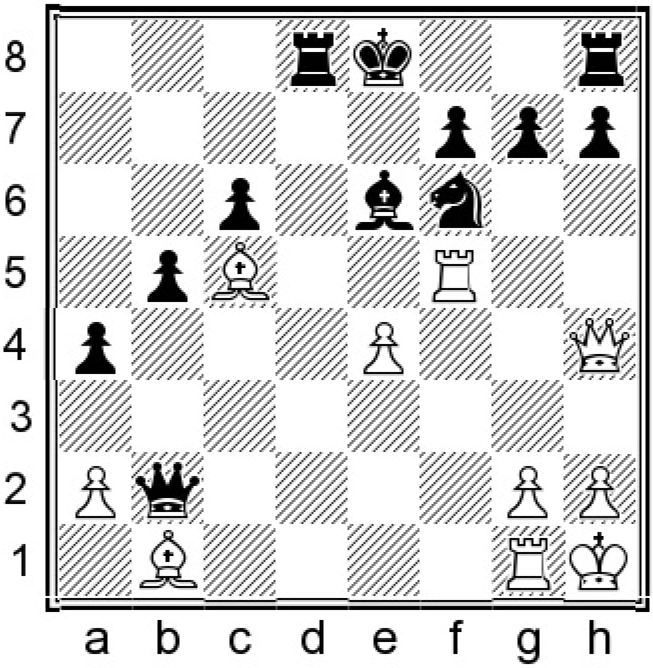
25...♕e5 26.♕h4 ♗c4?

26...h6! 27.♗b4 ♖d4! 28.♗c3 O-O 29.♗xd4 (29.♕f2 c5 30.♗xd4 cxd4∓) 29...♕xd4 30.♖xc6 ♘g4 31.♕g3 ♘e5 32.♖cc1 ♖d8∓

27.♖f5! ♕b2 28.♖g1

28.♖e1! ♗e6 (28...♖d2 29.e5 ♘d5 30.e6 f6 31.♕g3+-) 29.♕g3 ♘d7 30.♗d6+-

28...♗e6?



28...♖d2 29.♕g5! (29.e5 ♖xg2! 30.♖e1 ♘d5 31.e6 f6∞) 29...♗e6 30.♖f3 (30.♕xg7?! ♘d7! 31.e5 ♘xc5 32.♕xh8+ ♔d7 33.♕b8 ♗xf5 34.♗xf5+ ♔e7 35.♕a7+ ♘d7 36.♗xd7 ♖xd7 37.♕c5+ ♔d8∞) 30...h6 31.♕xg7 ♘d7 32.♕xb2 ♖xb2 33.♗d4 ♖xb1 34.♖xb1 ♖g8 35.a3±

29.♕g3!+- ♘d7

29...♗xf5 30.exf5 ♘d5 31.♖e1+ ♔d7 32.♕d6+ ♔c8 33.♕xc6+ ♔b8 34.♗e4+-

30.♗d6 ♕d4

30...♘b6 31.♗c7+-

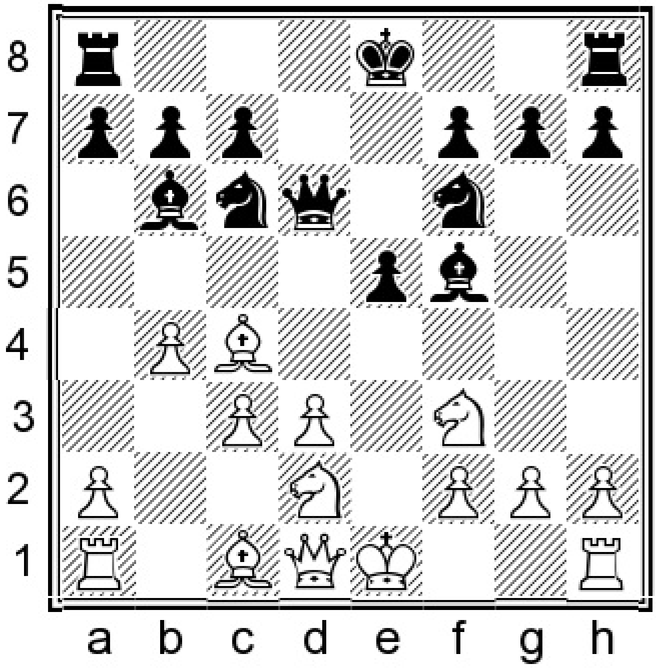
31.♖ff1! h5 32.e5 ♕g4 33.♕e3 h4 34.h3 ♕h5 35.♗e4 ♕h6

35...♘xe5 36.♕c5 f6 37.♗xe5+-; 35...♖c8 36.♕a7 ♕e2 37.♗xc6+-

36.♕f3 f6 37.♗xc6 ♔f7 38.♗xb5 ♕h5 39.♕e4 ♘xe5 40.♗e2 ♕g5 41.♗xe5 1-0

130. * C65
Albornoz Cabrera, Carlos Daniel (2566) - Panjwani, Raja (2450)
Chennai (ol) 153/130, 2022

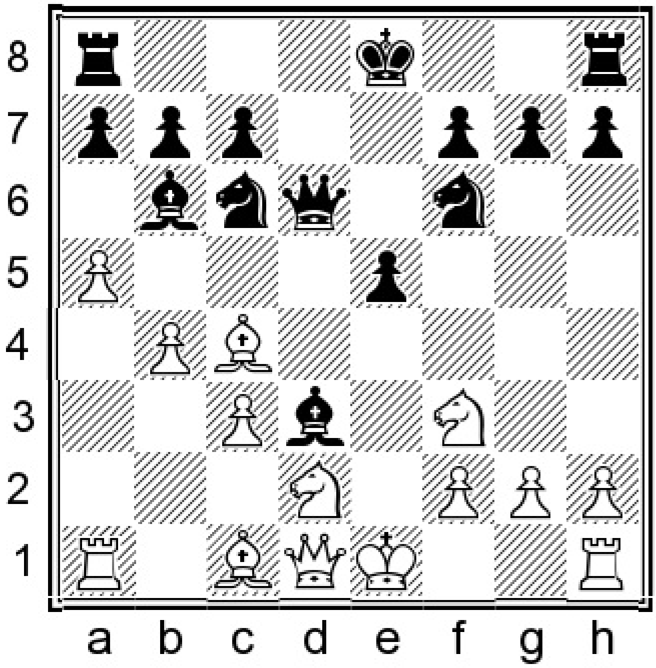
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 ♕xd5 7.♗c4 ♕d6 8.b4 ♗b6 9.♘bd2 ♗f5



10.a4??N

10.♕e2?! - 153/(130) 10...O-O-O! 11.a4 Pichot,A (2625)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 153/(130) 2022 (11.a4 ♘d5!∓; 11.♘g5 ♗xd3 12.♘xf7 ♗xe2 13.♘xd6+ cxd6 14.♗xe2 d5∓)10.♘g5 O-O 11.♕f3 (11.♘de4 - 150/115) 11...♘e7 12.♘de4 ♘xe4 13.♘xe4 ♕d7 14.a4 a5∞

10...♗xd3! 11.a5



11...♗xf2+! 12.♔xf2 O-O-O 13.♗xd3

13.♕b3 e4-+

13...♕xd3 14.♖e1

14.♕e2 ♕xc3 15.♖a3 (15.♖b1 ♘xb4 16.♕b5 (16.♖d1 ♕c5+ 17.♔f1 e4!-+) 16...♘d3+ 17.♔e2 e4 18.♕xb7+ ♔d7-+) 15...♕xb4 16.♕c4 ♖he8-+

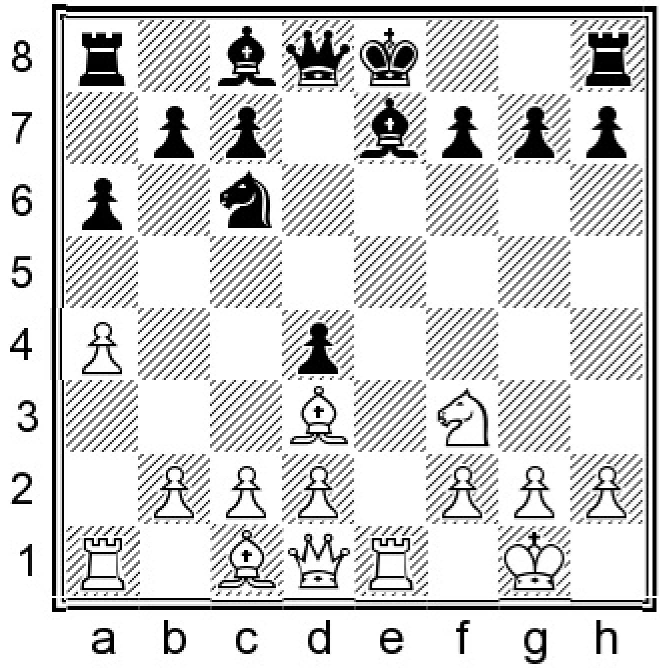
14...e4 15.♘g5 ♕xc3 16.♖a3 ♕d4+ 17.♔f1

17.♔g3 ♕e5+-+; 17.♖ae3 ♘e5 18.♔f1 ♘fg4-+

17...♖d5 18.♘h3 ♖f5+ 19.♔e2 ♘d5 20.♕b3 e3 21.♘f3 ♕g4 22.♔f1 ♘d4 23.♕c4 ♖xf3+ 24.♔g1 ♖xh3 0-1

131. * C67
Van Foreest, Jorden (2678) - Fressinet, Laurent (2631)
Chennai (ol) 153/131, 2022

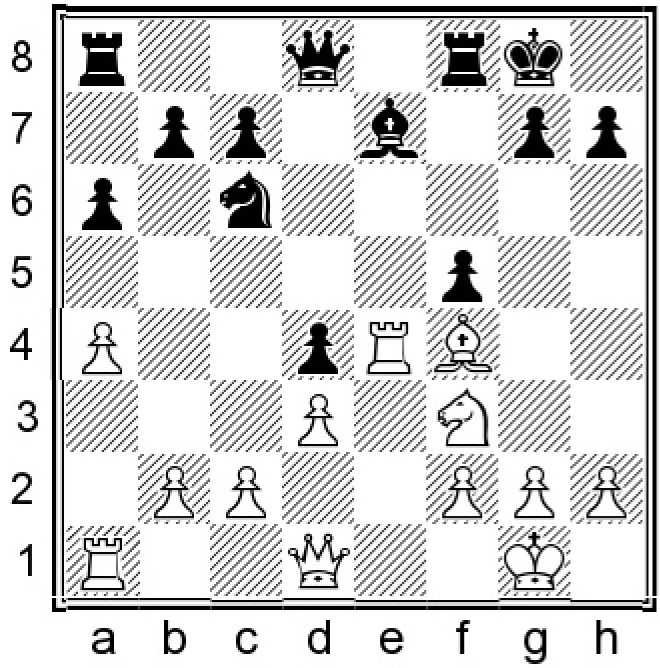
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.a4 ♗e7 7.♘c3 a6 8.♗f1 e4 9.♘xe4 ♘xe4 10.♖xe4 d5 11.♖e1 d4 12.♗d3



12...O-O - 153/131

12...♗e6N 13.♖xe6!? (13.♗e4 ♕d7 14.d3 O-O-O 15.c4 ♖he8 16.♗d2∞) 13...fxe6 14.♗e4 d3 15.♗xd3 O-O 16.♗e4 ♘d4 17.d3 ♘xf3+ 18.♗xf3=∞ Nihal,S (2651)-Robson,R (2682) Abu Dhabi 153/(131) 2022

13.♗e4 ♗e6 14.d3 ♗d5 15.♗f4 ♗xe4 16.♖xe4 f5



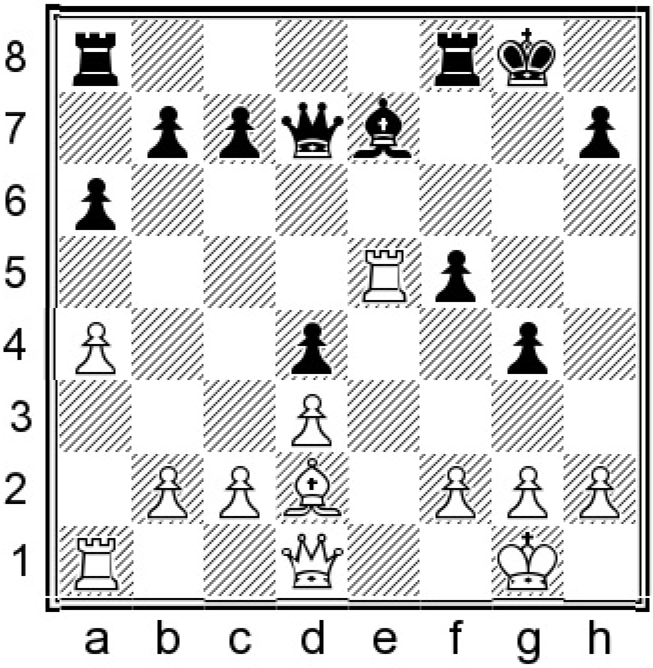
16...♕d7 17.♘e5 ♘xe5 18.♗xe5 c5 19.♕f3±

17.♖e1N

17.♖e2 - 141/112

17...♗f6

17...g5 18.♗d2 (18.♗e5!?) 18...g4 19.♘e5 ♘xe5 20.♖xe5 ♕d7



21.c4! (21.♕b1 ♗f6 22.♕a2+ ♔g7 23.♖d5 (23.♖e6 ♖ae8 24.♖ae1 ♖xe6 25.♖xe6 ♖e8 26.♖xe8 ♕xe8 27.♔f1 ♕c6=) 23...♕c6∞) 21...♗d6 22.♖e1 c6 23.b4 ♖ae8 24.♕b3∞

18.♕b1!?

18.c3!? ♔h8 (18...dxc3 19.♕b3+ ♔h8 20.bxc3 ♕xd3 21.♕xb7 ♕c4 22.♗xc7±) 19.♖c1 ♕d7 20.h4↑

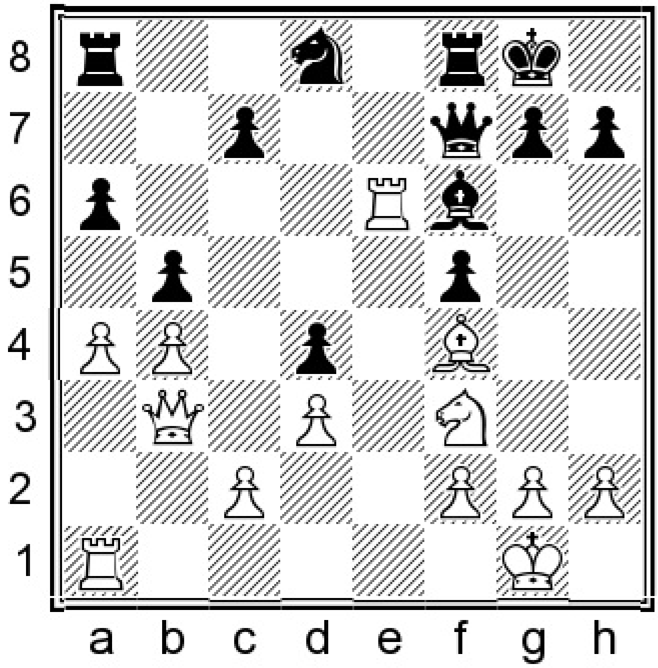
18...♕d7?!

18...g5 19.♕a2+ ♔g7 20.♗e5 ♘xe5 21.♘xe5 ♕d6 22.♘f3 ♖ae8=

19.b4! b5 20.♕b3+ ♕f7

20...♔h8 21.♗g5 (21.axb5 axb5 22.♖xa8 ♖xa8 23.h4±) 21...♖ae8 22.♗xf6 gxf6 (22...♖xf6? 23.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 24.axb5 axb5 25.♕d5+-) 23.axb5 axb5 24.♕b2±

21.♖e6± ♘d8



21...♘xb4? 22.♖xf6 gxf6 23.♕xb4+-

22.♖xf6?!

22.♖e2! ♕xb3 (22...♖c8 23.♕xf7+ ♘xf7 24.axb5 axb5 25.h4! h6 26.♖a6±) 23.cxb3 ♘c6 24.♗xc7 ♖fe8 (24...♘xb4? 25.♗d6 ♘xd3 26.♗xf8 ♖xf8 27.axb5 axb5 28.♖ea2+-) 25.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 26.♗d6±

22...gxf6 23.♘xd4 ♕xb3 24.cxb3 ♖e8

24...♔f7 25.♘xf5 ♘e6 26.♗e3 a5 27.bxa5 ♖xa5∓

25.♘xf5

25.♗xc7 ♘e6 26.♘xe6 ♖xe6 27.axb5 ♖ae8 28.♔f1 axb5 29.g3∓

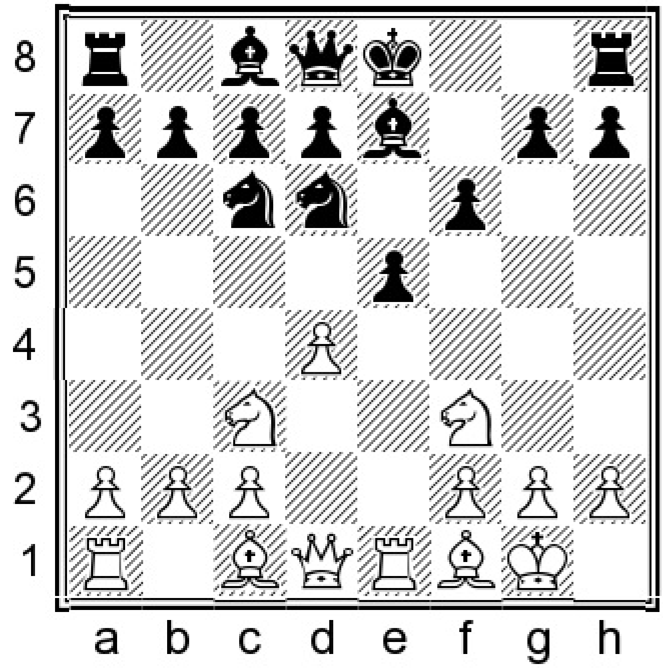
25...♘c6 26.♗xc7 ♘xb4 27.d4 ♘c2 28.♖c1 ♖e1+ 29.♖xe1 ♘xe1 30.d5 ♘d3 31.g3 bxa4 32.bxa4 ♔f7 33.♔g2 ♔e8 34.d6∓ 1/2-1/2

132. ** C67
Gadimbayli, Abdulla (2505) - Goganov, Aleksey (2530)
Turkiye 153/132, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♗f1 ♗e7 7.♘c3

7.♘xe5 - 139/(127)

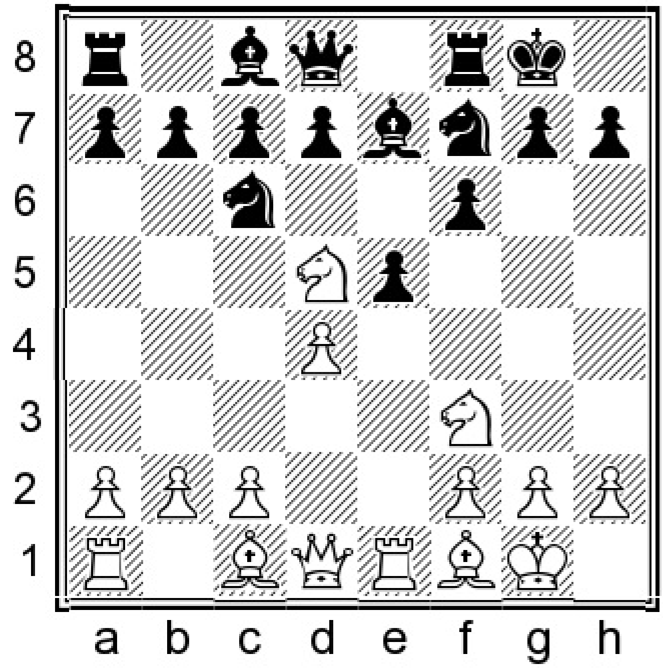
7...f6 8.d4



8...♘f7 - 153/132

8...exd4!?N 9.♘d5 O-O∞ Golubev,M (2461)-Einarsson,H (2207) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 153/(132) 2022

9.♘d5 O-O

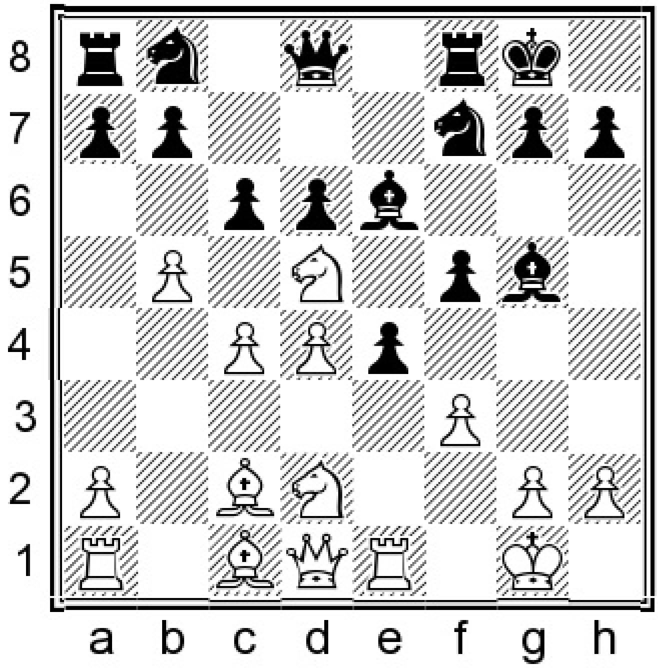


9...d6

10.b4!?N

10.c4 - 153/(132) 10...d6 11.♗d3 (11.h3) 11...f5 (11...♗g4 12.dxe5) 12.b4 e4 13.b5 ♘b8 14.♘d2 ♗g5

15.♗c2 ♗e6 16.f3 c6



17.fxe4? (17.♘c3 ♗xd2 (17...♕b6 18.♘b3 ♗xc4 19.fxe4 fxe4 20.♘xe4 ♗xc1 21.♖xc1 ♕xb5 22.♕g4=∞) 18.♗xd2 ♗xc4 19.fxe4 fxe4 20.♘xe4=∞) 17...cxd5 18.exd5 ♗c8 19.a4 a6 20.♘f3 ♗xc1 21.♖xc1 b6-+ Shevchenko,K (2644)-So,W (2776) Warszawa (rapid) 153/ (132) 2022

10...a6

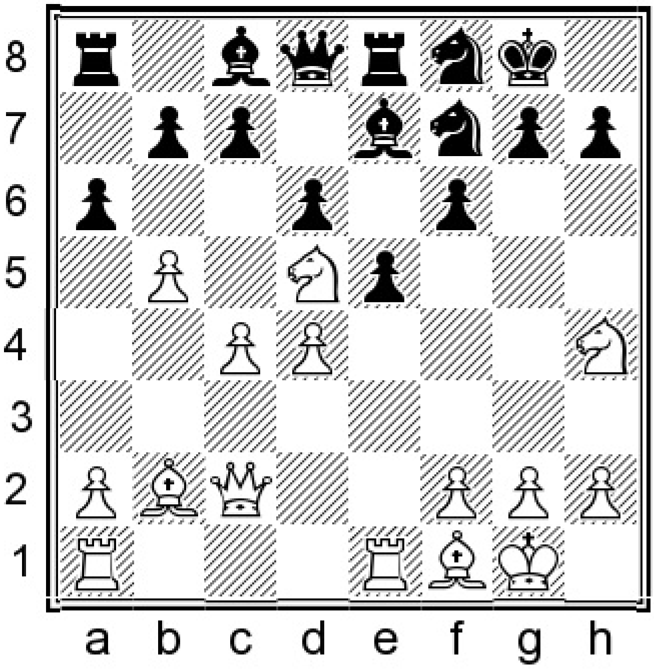
10...♘xb4 11.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 12.♗a3=∞

11.♗b2 d6 12.c4 ♖e8 13.b5 ♘b8

13...axb5 14.cxb5 ♘a5 (14...♘b8 15.♕c2 (15.b6!?=∞) 15...c6 16.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 17.♗d3=∞ →) 15.♕c2 (15.b6!? cxb6 16.♗b5 ♖f8 17.♖c1=∞) 15...c6 16.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 17.♗d3=∞ →

13...♘a5 14.♕c2=∞

14.♕c2 ♘d7 15.♘h4 ♘f8



16.b6!!

16.a4 c6

16...cxb6 17.♘f5 ♗xf5 18.♕xf5=∞↑ 18...♕c8

18...g6 19.♕h3! (Δ Qb3) 19...♘d7 20.f4!=∞↑ 20...♗f8?? 21.♕xd7+-

19.♕f3 ♗d8 20.♗d3 ♕d7 21.♕g3 ♔h8

21...b5!? 22.cxb5 (22.f4!?) 22...axb5 23.f4!=∞

22.a4 ♖c8 23.h4 ♘h6 24.f4! e4 25.♗xe4 ♖xc4 26.♕b3 ♖c8 27.f5 b5

27...♘xf5?? 28.♗xf5 ♖xe1+ 29.♖xe1 ♕xf5 30.♖e8 ♗c7 31.♘e7 (31.♘xc7 ♖xe8 32.♘xe8±) 31...♕b1+ 32.♔f2 (32.♔h2?? d5+-+) 32...♖xe8 33.♕g8#

28.axb5 axb5

28...♕xb5 29.♕xb5 axb5 30.♗d3 ♖xe1+ 31.♖xe1 ♗a5 32.♖e7 b6 33.♘c7 b4 34.♘e6 ♘xe6 35.fxe6 b3 (35...b5 36.♖a7+-) 36.♖d7 ♘g8 (36...♔g8 37.♗c4 ♔f8 38.e7+ ♔e8 39.♗b5+-) 37.e7 ♖e8 38.♖d8 ♖xe7 39.♗c4 h5 40.♗xg8 b5 41.♖a8 ♗b6 42.♗xb3+ ♔h7 43.♖b8+-

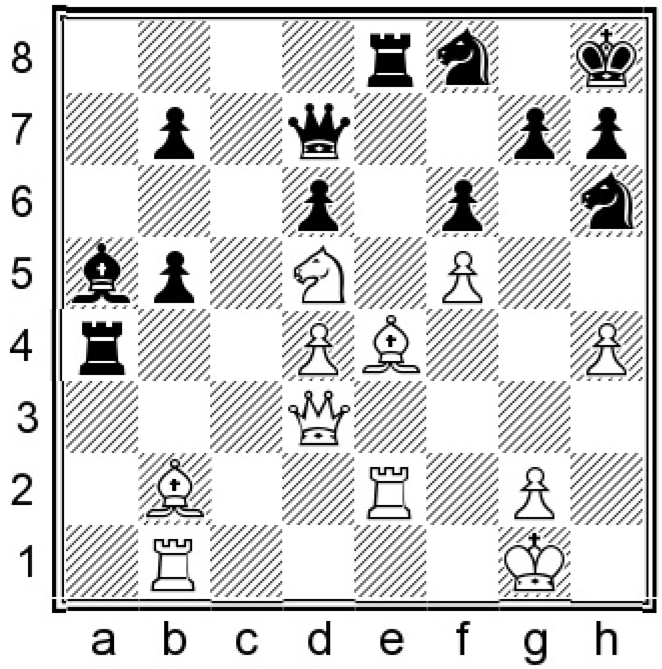
29.♕d3

29.♗d3! ♖xe1+ (29...♗a5 30.♗xb5 ♖xe1+ 31.♖xe1 ♗xe1 32.♗xd7 ♘xd7 33.♕xb7+-) 30.♖xe1 ♘g8 (30...♘xf5 31.♗xb5 ♕f7 32.♗e8+-; 30...♘f7 31.g4±) 31.g4±

29...♖c4 30.♖e2

30.♕f3! ♖a4 31.♖ab1 ♗a5 32.♖e2 ♘g8 33.♗d3! ♖c8 (33...♘e7 34.♕e4 ♗d8 35.♖be1+-) 34.♗c2 ♖ac4 35.♗b3 ♖4c6 36.♕e4±

30...♖a4 31.♖b1 ♗a5



32.♗c1?

32.♕f3!=∞↑

32...♘g8 33.♗f4?

33.♖xb5? ♖xd4∓; 33.♗b2! ♘e7 34.♘f4=∞ d5 35.♗xd5 ♘xd5 36.♖xe8 ♕xe8 37.♘xd5∞

33...b4 34.♕c2

34.♖eb2!? ♖a3 35.♖b3=

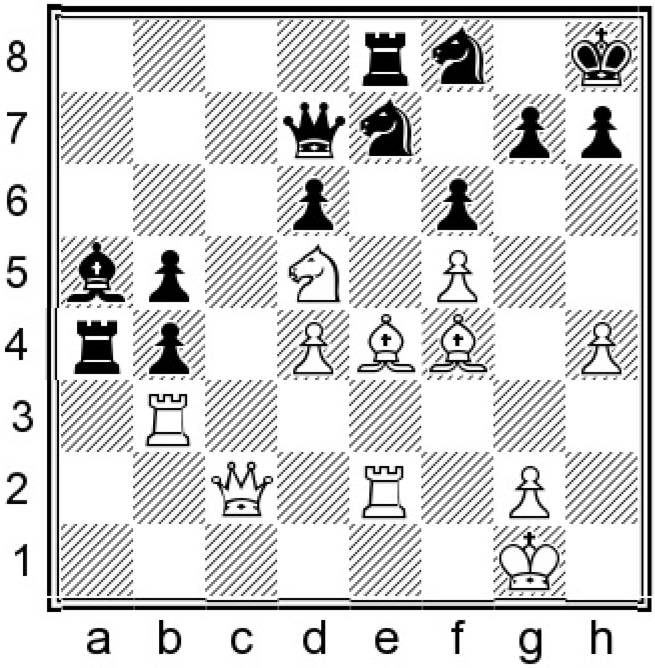
34...b5

34...♖c8 35.♕d1±

35.♖b3

35.♗d3!?

35...♘e7



36.♖be3?

36.♘xe7 ♖xe7 (36...♕xe7 37.♗f3 ♕d7 38.♖xe8 ♕xe8 39.♖e3∞) 37.♗f3 Δ♗b6 38.♖xe7 ♕xe7 39.♕d2 ♕a7 (39...♗xd4+ 40.♕xd4 ♕e1+ 41.♔h2 ♕xh4+ 42.♔g1=) 40.♔h2 ♗xd4 41.♗xd6 ♗e5+ 42.♗xe5 fxe5 43.♖xb4 ♖xb4 44.♕xb4=

36...♖c8 37.♕b1 ♘c6 38.♗d3??

38.♖d3 Δb3 39.♗e3 ♕a7 40.♕xb3 ♘xd4 (40...♖xd4 41.♕xb5 ♗c3 42.♖xc3 ♕a1+ 43.♔h2 ♖xe4 44.♖xc6 ♖xc6 45.♕xc6 ♕e5+ 46.♗f4 ♕xf5 47.♕a8 ♔g8 48.♖xe4 ♕xe4 49.♘xf6++-) 41.♖xd4 ♖xd4 42.♖a2 (42.♕xb5 ♗c3!=) 42...♖cc4 43.♗f2 (43.♕xb5? ♖xd5-+) 43...h6 44.♕xb5 ♖c5 45.♕e8 ♖xe4 46.♕xe4 ♖c1+ 47.♔h2 ♕a6 48.♕e8 ♖c8 49.♖xa5+-

38...♘xd4-+ 39.♖e1 b3 40.♖e7 ♕d8 41.♕d1 ♗xe1 42.♕g4 ♕xe7 43.♘xe7 ♖e8 44.♗xd6 b2 45.♕h5 ♖xe7 46.♗xe7 ♗g3 47.♕d1 ♖a1 48.♗b1 ♘e2+ 0-1

133. C67
Van Foreest, Jorden (2678) - Firouzja, Alireza (2793)
Zagreb (rapid) 153/133, 2022

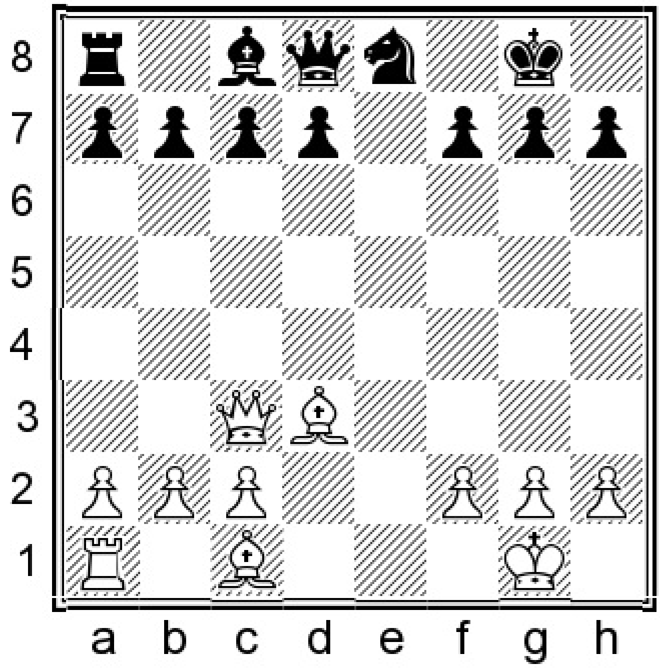
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.d4 ♗f6 10.♖e1 ♖e8 11.♘c3 ♖xe1 12.♕xe1 ♗xd4 13.♗d3!?

13.♗f4 - 129/(119)

13...♗xc3

13...b6?? 14.♘b5! ♘xb5 15.♕e4+-; 13...♕e8 14.♗f4 ♕xe1+ 15.♖xe1 ♗xc3 16.bxc3 ♔f8 17.♗xh7±; 13...g6 14.♘d5 b6 15.♘e7+ ♔g7 16.♗d2 ♗b7 17.♗c3 ♗xc3 18.♕xc3+ f6 19.♖e1∞

14.♕xc3 ♘e8



14...b6 15.♗f4 ♗b7 16.♖e1 ♗c6 17.♖e5 f6 18.♖e3⩲

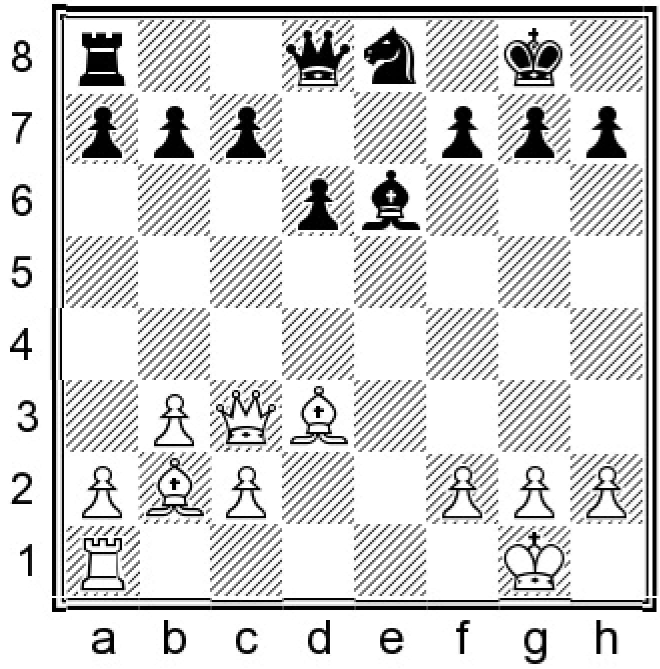
15.b3N

15.♗f4

15...d6

15...d5 16.♗f4 ♗e6 17.♖e1 ♕d7 18.h4⩲

16.♗b2 ♗e6?



16...a5 17.♖e1 ♗e6 18.♕d2 h6 19.♖e3⩲

17.♕b4! ♗d5

17...♖b8 18.♕e4 ♘f6 (18...g6 19.♕d4 f6 20.♕xa7±) 19.♗xf6 ♕xf6 20.♕xh7+ ♔f8 21.♕h8+ ♔e7 22.♕xb8 ♕xa1+ 23.♗f1±; 17...♕g5 18.h4! (18.♕xb7?? ♗d5-+) 18...♕d5 19.♗e4 a5 20.♕xb7 ♕xb7 21.♗xb7 ♖b8 22.♗c6±

18.♕f4 ♘f6?

18...h6 19.c4 ♗c6 20.h4 ♕d7 21.♖e1±

19.♖e1 ♗e6 20.♖e3 ♔f8

20...♘d7 21.♖g3 ♘e5 (21...g6 22.♖e3+-) 22.♕h6 g6 23.f4+-

21.c4

21.♖f3! ♗d5 (21...h6 22.♕e3 ♔e7 23.♗xf6+ gxf6 24.♕xh6 ♕h8 25.♕f4+-) 22.♖g3 h6 23.♖xg7!! ♔xg7 24.♕f5 ♗e6 25.♕h7+ ♔f8 26.♕xh6+ ♔e8 27.♗xf6 ♕c8 28.h4+-

21...♘h5

21...h6 22.h3! a5 23.♖f3 a4 24.♕e3 axb3 25.axb3 ♔e7 26.♗f5 ♔d7 27.♗xe6+ fxe6 28.♗xf6 gxf6 29.♕xh6+-

22.♕f3 ♘f6 23.♕xb7 ♘g4 24.♖g3 ♖b8 25.♕e4

25.♕xa7+-

25...♕g5 26.♕xh7 ♔e7 27.♕xg7

27.♗xg7 ♕d2 28.♖f3+-

27...♕d2

27...♕f4 28.♕d4+-

28.♖f3 ♕e1+ 29.♗f1 ♘xh2 30.♔xh2 ♕xf1 31.c5 ♕d1

31...♔d7 32.cxd6 cxd6 33.♖f4+-

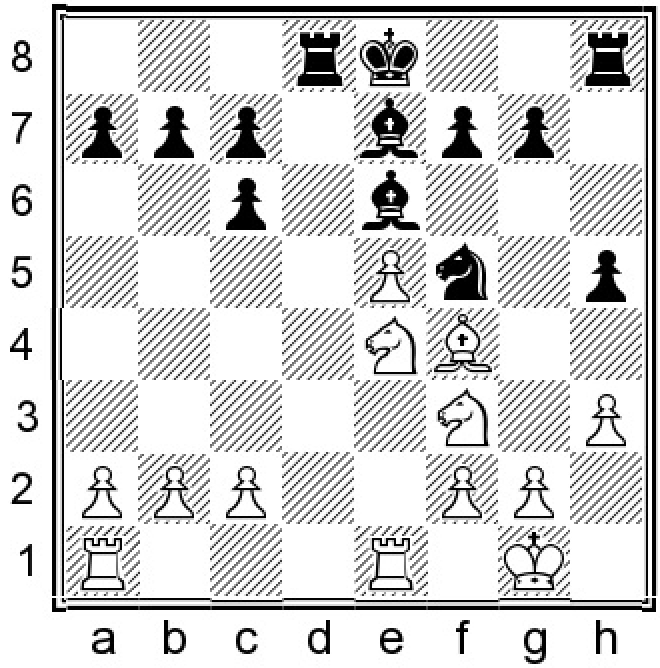
32.c6 1-0

134. C67
Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2740) - Giri, Anish (2760)
Miami (m/1-rapid) 153/134, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♘f5 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.h3 ♔e8 10.♘c3 h5 11.♗f4 ♗e7 12.♘e4 ♗e6

12...♘h4 - 106/ (93)

13.♖fe1 ♖d8



14.♘fg5N

14.c3

14...♘d4 15.♘xe6 ♘xe6

15...fxe6 16.♖ac1 h4 17.c3 ♖f8 18.♗d2 ♘f5 19.♖cd1±

16.♗e3 h4 17.♖ad1 ♖xd1 18.♖xd1 ♖h5 19.f4 f5 20.g4!?

20.♘d2 ♔f7 21.♘f3 ♖h8 22.♔f2 b6∞

20...hxg3 21.♘xg3 ♖xh3 22.♔g2

22.♘xf5 g5=

22...♖h8 23.♘xf5 g6

23...g5! 24.fxg5 (24.♘xe7 gxf4! 25.♘f5 fxe3 26.♘xe3 ♖h4=; 24.♔g3 gxf4+ 25.♗xf4 ♖g8+ 26.♔f3 ♖f8 27.♔g4 ♖g8+=) 24...♗xg5 25.♗xg5 (25.♘g7+ ♘xg7 26.♗xg5 ♘e6 27.♗f6 ♖h7=) 25...♘xg5=

24.♘d4 ♘xd4

24...♔f7 25.♘e2 ♘g7 26.♖d7 ♘f5 27.♗c1 ♖c8±

25.♗xd4

25.♖xd4!? ♗c5 26.♖d3 ♗xe3 27.♖xe3±

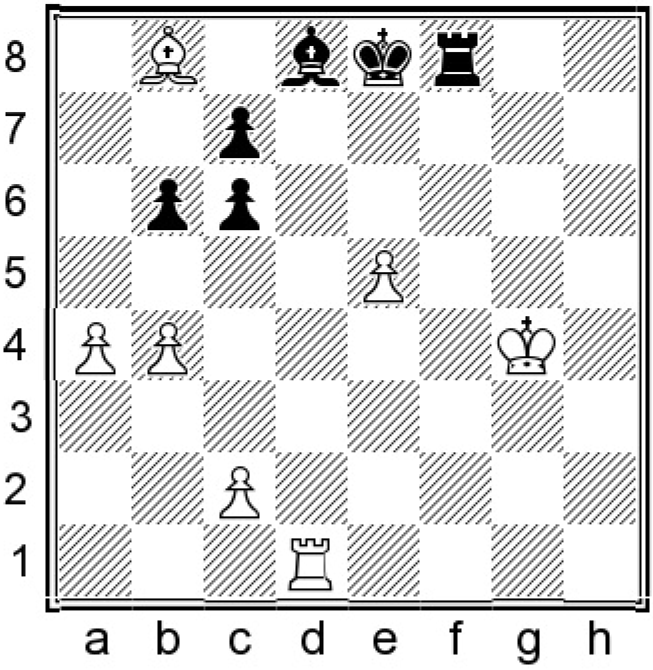
25...♖f8 26.♗e3 g5 27.fxg5 ♖g8 28.♔f3

28.g6! ♖xg6+ 29.♔f3 ♖g8 30.♖h1 ♗g5! (30...♔d7?! 31.♔e4 ♖g3 32.♖h7±) 31.♗xa7 ♖f8+ (31...b6? 32.♗b8+-) 32.♔g4 ♗d2 33.♖d1 ♗h6±

28...♗xg5 29.♗xa7

29.♖g1 ♖f8+ 30.♔e4 ♗xe3 31.♔xe3 ♖f5=

29...b6 30.a4 ♖f8+ 31.♔g4 ♗e7 32.♗b8 ♗d8 33.b4



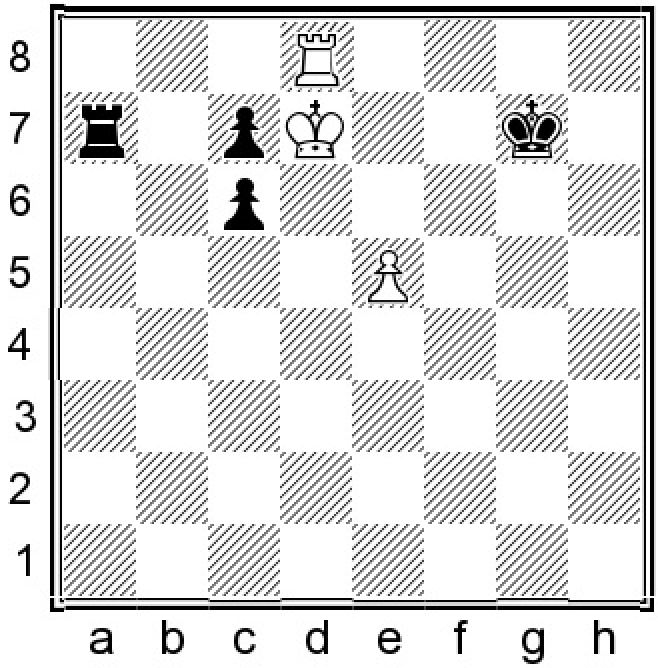
33...♖f2??

33...♖h8! 34.a5 (34.♔f5 ♖h5+=) 34...bxa5 35.bxa5 ♖h4+ 36.♔f5 ♖h5+! (36...♖a4? 37.♔e6 ♖xa5 38.♖h1+-) 37.♔g6 (37.♔e4 ♖h4+ 38.♔d3 ♖a4 39.♗a7 ♖xa5 40.♗d4 ♔d7=) 37...♖xe5 38.a6 ♖a5 39.a7 ♗e7=

34.a5 bxa5 35.bxa5 ♖xc2 36.♔f5 ♖b2 37.♗a7 ♖a2

37...c5 38.♗xc5 ♗e7 39.♗xe7 ♔xe7 40.♖a1+-

38.♔e6 ♖xa5 39.♖h1 ♔f8 40.♖h8+ ♔g7 41.♖xd8 ♖xa7 42.♔d7?



42.♖d7+! ♔g6 (42...♔f8 43.♖f7+ ♔g8 44.♔f6 ♖a1 45.e6+-) 43.♖d3! c5 (43...♔g7 44.♔d7 c5 45.♖g3+ ♔f8 46.e6 c6+ 47.♔d6 c4 48.♖f3+ ♔e8 49.♖h3 ♔f8 50.♖h8+ ♔g7 51.♖c8+-) 44.♖g3+ ♔h7 (44...♔h5 45.♔f5 ♔h4 46.♖e3+-) 45.♔f7 c6+ 46.♔f6 ♖a1 47.e6 ♖f1+ 48.♔e7 c4 49.♔e8 ♖c1 50.e7 c3 51.♖f3 ♔g7 52.♖f7+ ♔g8 53.♖f8+ ♔g7 54.♔d7+-

42...♖a5?

42...c5! 43.e6 (43.♔e8 ♔g6 44.e6 ♔f6 45.e7 ♖a4! 46.♖d1 (46.♔f8 ♖h4=) 46...♖e4 47.♖f1+ ♔e6 48.♔f8 ♔d5 49.e8=♕ ♖xe8+ 50.♔xe8 c4 51.♔d7 c3=; 43.♖c8 c4 44.e6 ♔f6=) 43...♔f6 44.♖f8+ (44.e7 c6+!=) 44...♔e5 45.e7 c6+=

43.e6 ♖d5+ 44.♔xc7 ♖e5 45.♔d7 ♖d5+ 46.♔e8 ♖a5

46...♖e5 47.e7 ♔f6 48.♖d6++-

47.e7 ♖a7 48.♖d1 ♔f6

48...c5 49.♔d8 ♖a8+ 50.♔d7 ♖a7+ 51.♔e6 ♖a6+ 52.♖d6+-

49.♖d6+ ♔g7 50.♖e6 c5 51.♔d8 ♖a8+ 52.♔d7 ♖a7+ 53.♔d6 ♖a6+ 54.♔d5 1-0

135. C67
Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2757) - Caruana, Fabiano (2776)
Saint Louis (rapid) 153/135, 2022

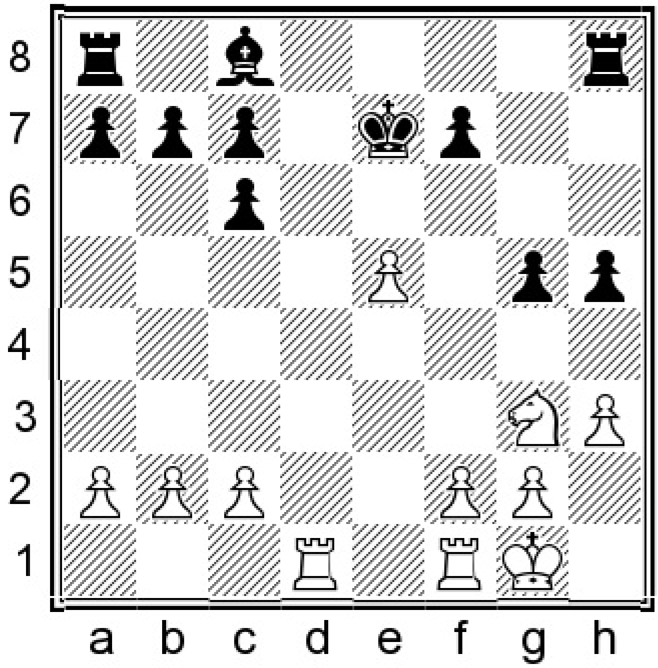
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♘f5 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.♘c3 ♔e8 10.h3 h5 11.♗f4 ♗e7 12.♖ad1 ♘h4 13.♘xh4 ♗xh4 14.♘e2 g5

14...♗e7 - 112/(91)

15.♗g3

15.♗e3 g4 16.♔h2!? (16.g3 ♗e7 17.h4 ♗f5 18.♘d4 ♗g6 19.♖d2 a6 20.♖fd1 ♖d8=) 16...♗f5 (16...gxh3 17.gxh3 ♗f5 18.♘d4 ♗d7 19.♘f3 ♗e7 20.♗g5±) 17.♘d4 ♗h7 18.f4 ♖d8 19.g3 ♗e7 20.c3↑

15...♗xg3 16.♘xg3 ♔e7



17.f4N

17.♖d2 ♗e6 18.f3 a5=

17...gxf4 18.♖xf4

18.♘e2 ♖g8 19.♘xf4 ♖g5 20.h4 ♖f5 21.g3 ♗e6=

18...♗e6 19.♘f5+

19.h4 ♖ag8 20.♔h2 ♖g4 21.♖xg4 ♗xg4 22.♖f1 ♖d8=; 19.♖df1 h4 20.♘e4 (20.♘f5+ ♗xf5 21.♖xf5 ♖h7=) 20...♖ag8 21.♔h2 b6=

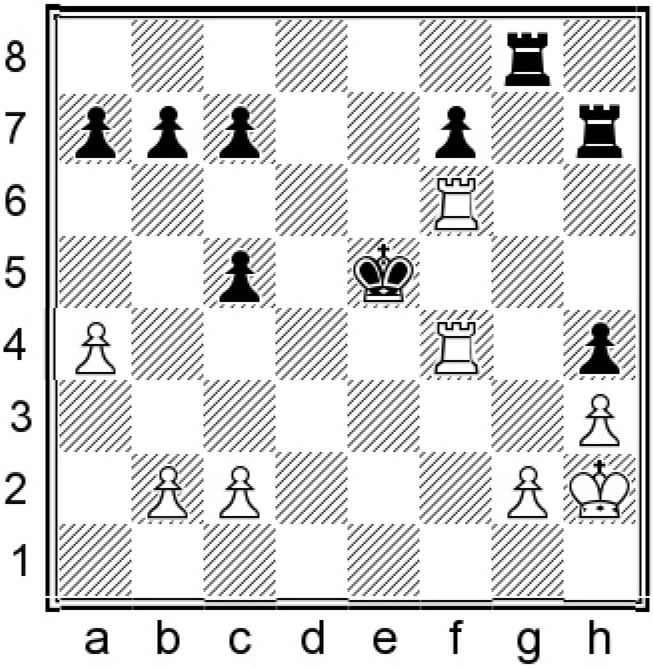
19...♗xf5 20.♖xf5 ♖ag8 21.♔h2 ♖h7

21...h4 22.♖d4 ♖d8 23.♖df4 ♖h7=

22.♖d2 h4 23.♖f4 ♔e6 24.♖dd4 ♖hg7 25.♖f2 ♖h7 26.a4

26.♖f6+ ♔xe5 (26...♔e7? 27.♖b4±) 27.♖ff4 ♖hg7 28.♖de4+ ♔d6 29.♖e2 ♖h7 30.♖d4+ ♔c5 31.♖d7 b5 32.♖xc7 a5=

26...c5 27.♖f6+ ♔xe5 28.♖df4



28...♖d8?

28...b6! 29.♖xf7 (29.♖4f5+ ♔d4 30.♖xf7 ♖xf7 31.♖xf7 ♔e3! 32.♖h7 (32.♖xc7 ♔d2 33.c3 ♔c2 34.b4 ♖g5!=) 32...♔d2 33.c4 ♔c2 34.♖xh4 ♔xb2 35.♖f4 ♔b3 36.h4 ♔xa4 37.g4 a5∞) 29...♖xf7 30.♖xf7 ♖d8! 31.♖xc7 (31.♖h7 ♖d4 32.b3 ♔d6=) 31...♖d2 32.♖xa7 ♖xc2 33.b3 c4 34.bxc4 ♖xc4=

29.♖4f5+! ♔e4

29...♔d4 30.♖xf7 ♖xf7 31.♖xf7 ♔e3 32.♖xc7 b6 33.♖xa7 ♔d2 34.a5+-

30.♖xc5 c6?!

30...♖d7 31.♖f2 (31.♖ff5 ♔e3±) 31...b6 32.♖cf5 c5 33.a5 ♖c7 34.♔g1±

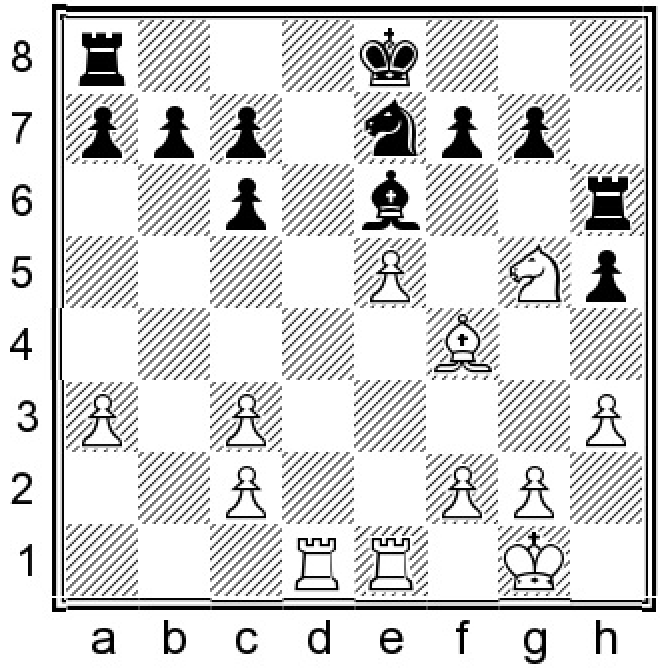
31.♖f2! ♔e3 32.♖cf5 ♖d1 33.♖5f3+ ♔e4 34.♖e2+

34.♖xf7 ♖xf7 35.♖xf7 ♖d2 36.♖xb7 ♖xc2 37.b3+-

34...♔d5 35.♖e7 ♖c1 36.♖f2 b5 37.axb5 cxb5 38.♖xa7 ♖g7 39.c3 ♖b1 40.♖d7+ 1-0

136. C67
Bacrot, Etienne (2641) - Parligras, Mircea Emilian (2579)
France 153/136, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♘f5 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.h3 ♔e8 10.♘c3 h5 11.♗f4 ♗e7 12.♖ad1 ♗e6 13.♘g5 ♖h6 14.♖fe1 ♗b4 15.a3 ♗xc3 16.bxc3 ♘e7



17.♘e4N

17.♘f3 - 36/(119)

17...♖g6

17...♖h8 18.♘c5 b6 19.♘xe6 fxe6 20.♗g5 ♖d8 21.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 22.♖d1+ ♔e8 23.f4±

18.h4

18.g4 hxg4 19.h4 ♗d5 20.h5 ♖e6 21.♘c5 b6 22.♘xe6 fxe6∞

18...♗d5 19.♘g3

19.♘g5 ♖d8 20.f3 c5∞

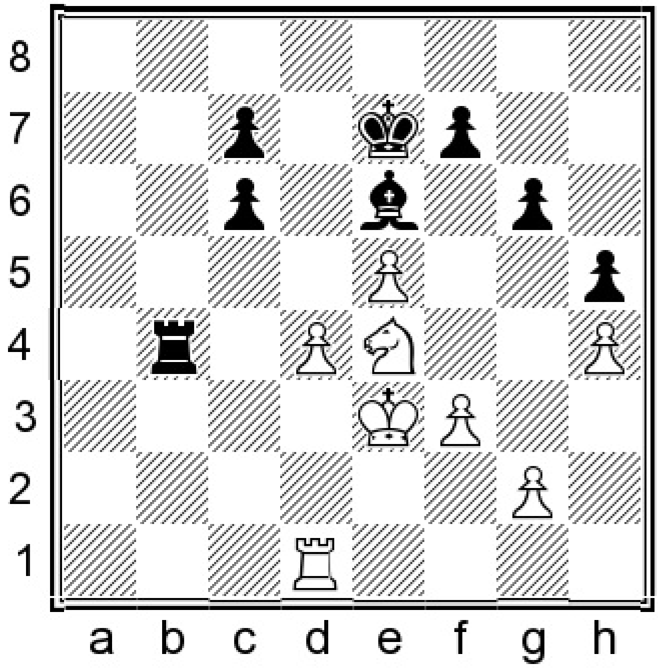
19...♖g4 20.♗g5 g6 21.♖d4 ♖xd4 22.cxd4 a5 23.f3 b5 24.c3 ♗e6?!

24...♘c8 25.♔f2 (25.♘e2 ♘b6 26.♘f4 ♗e6∞) 25...♘b6 26.♘e2 ♘c4 27.♗c1 (27.g4!? hxg4 28.fxg4 ♘xa3 29.h5 gxh5 30.gxh5 ♘c2 31.♖c1 ♗e4 32.♘g3 ♗h7 33.h6∞) 27...♗e6 28.♘f4 ♗f5∞

25.♗xe7! ♔xe7 26.♘e4 b4

26...♗d5! 27.♘c5 (27.♘f6 b4 28.cxb4 axb4 29.axb4 ♖a4 30.♖b1 ♔e6=) 27...b4! 28.cxb4 axb4 29.axb4 ♖a2 30.♖d1 ♖c2±

27.cxb4 axb4 28.axb4 ♖b8 29.♖b1 ♖d8 30.♖d1 ♖b8 31.♔f2! ♖xb4 32.♔e3



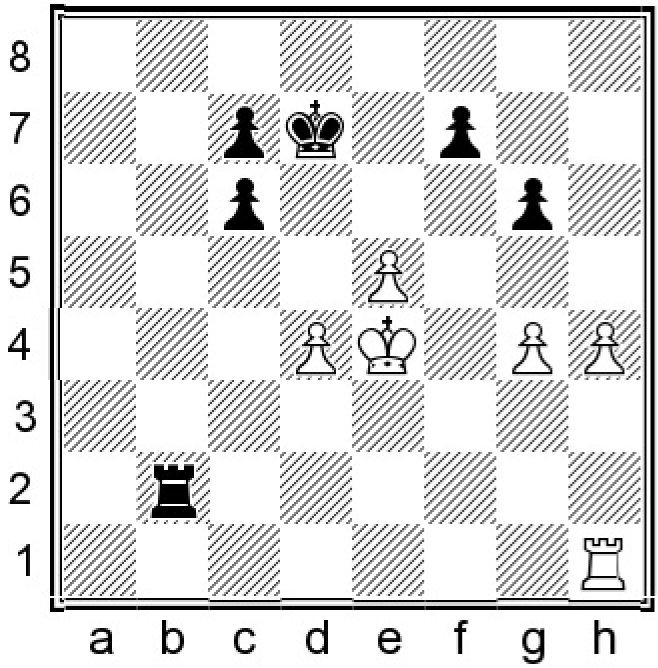
32...♗f5?

32...♗d5! 33.♘c5 (33.♘f6 ♔e6=) 33...♖b2 34.♖d2 (34.g3 ♖g2 35.♔f4 ♖f2 36.♖d3 ♖f1=) 34...♖b1 35.♔f4 ♖h1 36.♔g5 ♖g1=

33.♖c1?

33.♘f6! ♖b3+ (33...♔e6 34.g4 hxg4 35.fxg4 ♗b1 36.♖c1 ♖b6 37.h5+-) 34.♔f4 ♖b4 35.♔g5 ♔e6 36.g4 hxg4 37.fxg4 ♗b1 38.h5+-

33...♗xe4! 34.♔xe4 ♔d7 35.g4 hxg4 36.fxg4 ♖b2 37.♖h1



37.♔f4 ♖b4 38.♔g5 ♖xd4 39.h5 gxh5 40.gxh5 ♔e6 41.♖xc6+ ♔xe5 42.♖xc7 f6+=

37...♔e7??

37...c5! 38.dxc5 (38.d5 ♖b4+ 39.♔f3 c4 40.h5 gxh5 41.gxh5 c3 42.h6 c2 43.h7 c1=♕ 44.♖xc1 ♖h4=; 38.♖f1 ♔e7 39.dxc5 ♖b4+ 40.♔d5 ♖xg4 41.♔c6 ♖xh4 42.♔xc7 ♖c4 43.c6 ♔e6=) 38...♔e6 39.h5 ♖b4+ 40.♔f3 ♔xe5 41.h6 ♖b8 42.h7 ♖h8=

38.h5+- gxh5

38...♔f8 39.h6 ♔g8 40.h7+ ♔h8 41.♖f1 ♔xh7 (41...♖g2 42.♖xf7 ♖xg4+ 43.♔f3 ♖xd4 44.e6+-) 42.♖xf7+ ♔h6 43.♖xc7+-

39.gxh5 ♔f8 40.h6 ♔g8 41.♖c1

41.♖g1+ ♔h7 42.♖g7+ ♔xh6 43.♖xf7

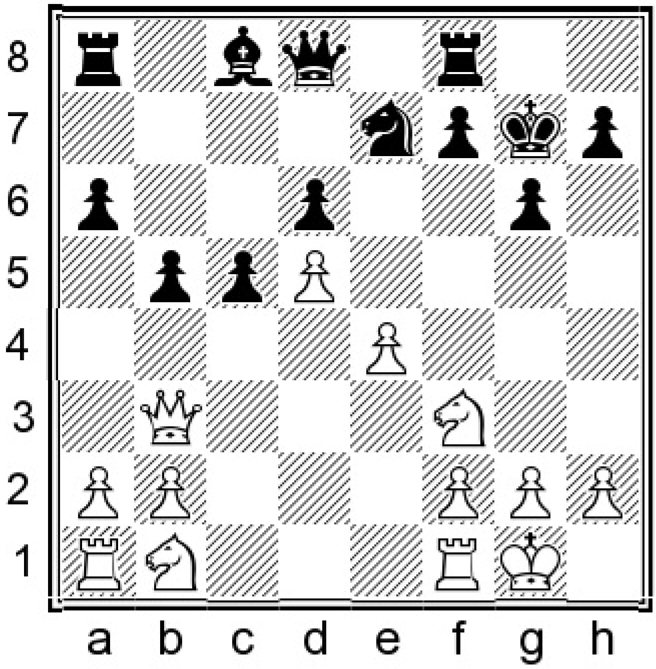
41...♖b6 42.♖g1+ ♔h7 43.♖g7+ ♔xh6 44.♖xf7 ♖b7 45.♔f5 ♖b1 46.♖f6+ 1-0

137. * C70
Bacrot, Etienne (2648) - Demuth, Adrien (2485)
France (ch) 153/137, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.O-O ♗g7 5.c3 a6 6.♗a4 ♘ge7 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 b5 9.♗b3 O-O 10.d5

10.♘c3 - 114/117

10...♘a5 11.♗d2 ♘xb3 12.♕xb3 c5 13.♗c3 d6 14.♗xg7 ♔xg7



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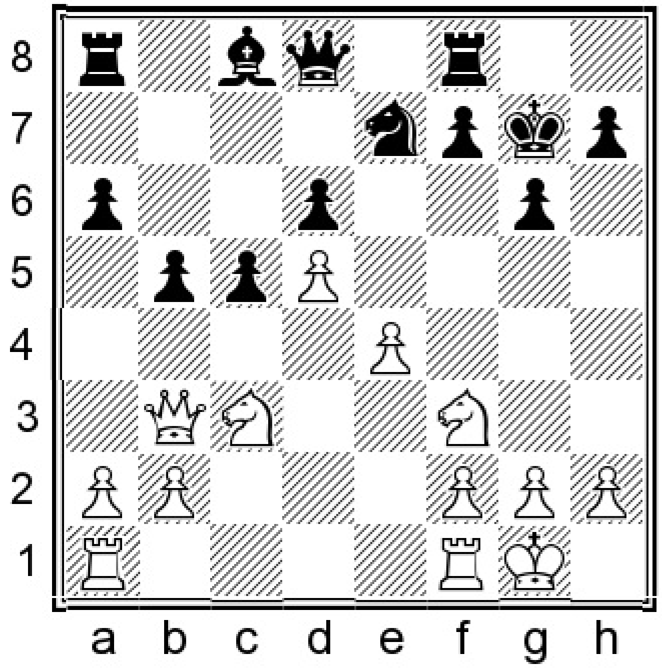


15.♘bd2 f6 16.♕c3 a5 17.♖fe1±

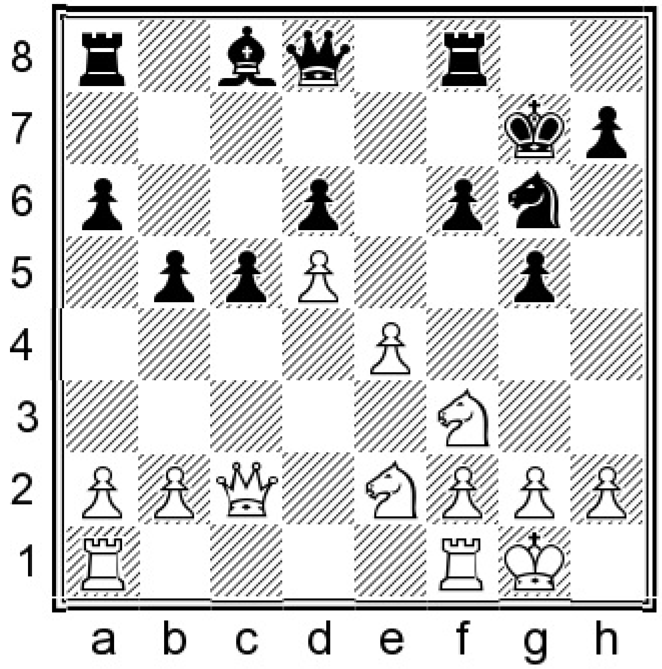
15...f6N

15...♘g8 - 153/137 16.h3 ♘f6 17.♖fe1 ♗b7 18.♖ad1 ♖e8 19.e5 dxe5 20.♘xe5 ♕d6∞ Rodriguez Lopez,R (2176)-Sosa,T (2552) Barcelona 153/(137) 2022

15...b4! 16.♘b1 (16.♘e2 f5∞; 16.♘d1 f5∞) 16...a5 17.♘bd2 a4 (17...f5!? 18.♖fe1 a4 19.♕c2 a3 20.♖ad1 fxe4 21.♘xe4 ♘f5∞) 18.♕c2 f6 19.♘c4 g5 20.♘e3 ♘g6∞

16.♕c2 g5 17.h3?!

17.♘e2 ♘g6



18.b4! g4 19.♘d2 c4 20.♘d4∞

17...♘g6 18.♘e2 g4

18...f5 19.exf5 ♗xf5 20.♕d2 h6 21.♘h2 ♖a7 22.♖ae1 ♖af7∞

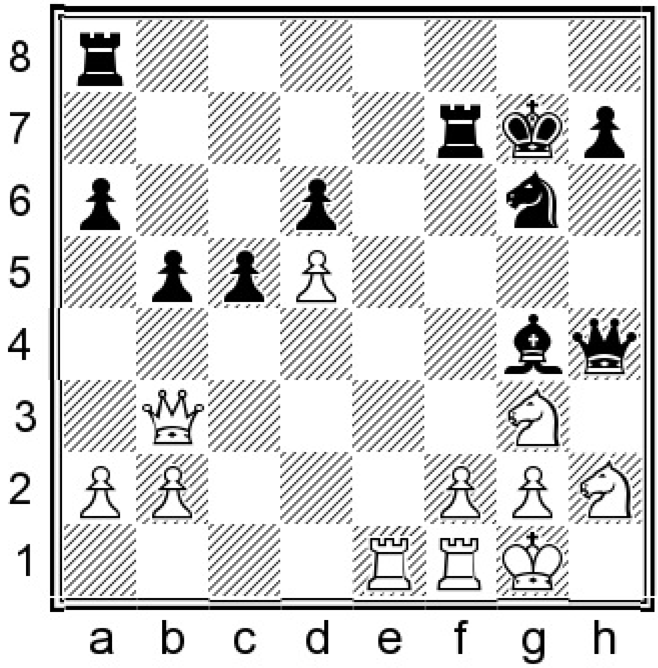
19.hxg4 ♗xg4 20.♕b3

20.♕c3 b4 21.♕e3 f5 22.exf5 ♖e8 23.♕d3 ♖xe2! 24.fxg6 (24.♕xe2 ♘e5 25.♖fe1 ♗xf3 26.gxf3 ♕h4→) 24...♕e8∞

20...f5 21.exf5 ♖xf5

21...♗xf5! 22.♘g3 ♘f4 23.♘xf5+ (23.♖fe1 ♕f6 24.♘xf5+ ♕xf5∓) 23...♖xf5 24.g3 ♘e2+ 25.♔g2 ♕f6 26.♕e3 ♖f8 27.♕xe2 ♖xf3 28.♖ae1 ♕d4∓

22.♘g3 ♖f7 23.♘h2 ♕h4 24.♖ae1?!



24.♘xg4 ♕xg4 25.♕d1 ♕h4 26.♕h5 ♕xh5 27.♘xh5+ ♔f8 28.f4∞

24...♖af8?

24...♘f4! 25.♕e3 (25.♖e4 ♔g8 26.♖fe1 ♖af8 27.♕e3 ♕g5∓; 25.♘xg4 ♕xg4 26.♖e4 ♔g8 27.♖fe1 ♖af8∓) 25...♔h8! 26.♘e4 ♗h5 27.♕g3 ♕xg3 28.fxg3 ♘d3 29.♘xd6 ♖xf1+ 30.♖xf1 c4∓

25.♘e4 ♗d7?

25...♔g8 26.g3 ♕h5 27.♘xd6 ♘h4!? 28.f4! (28.gxh4 ♖g7 29.♔h1 ♗f3+ 30.♘xf3 ♖xf3 31.♖e8+ ♖f8 32.♖e4 ♖f3 33.♖e8+=) 28...c4 29.♕c2 ♖f6 30.♘e4 ♖g6 31.♘xg4 ♖xg4 32.d6±

26.g3+- ♕h5 27.♘xd6 ♖xf2 28.♖xf2 ♖xf2 29.♔xf2 ♕xh2+ 30.♔f3 h5

30...♕h5+ 31.♔g2 ♕h3+ 32.♔g1

31.♕c3+ ♔h7 32.♘e4 ♗g4+ 33.♔e3 ♘e7 34.♕xc5 ♘f5+ 35.♔f4 1-0

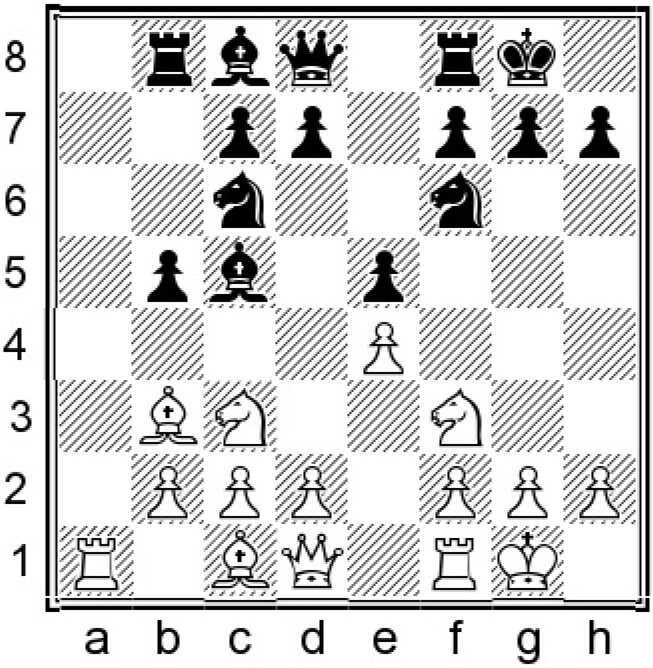
C75-C99

138. * C78
Svane, Frederik (2496) - Kollars, Dmitrij (2635)
Deutschland 153/138, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.♘c3 O-O

7...d6 - 150/122

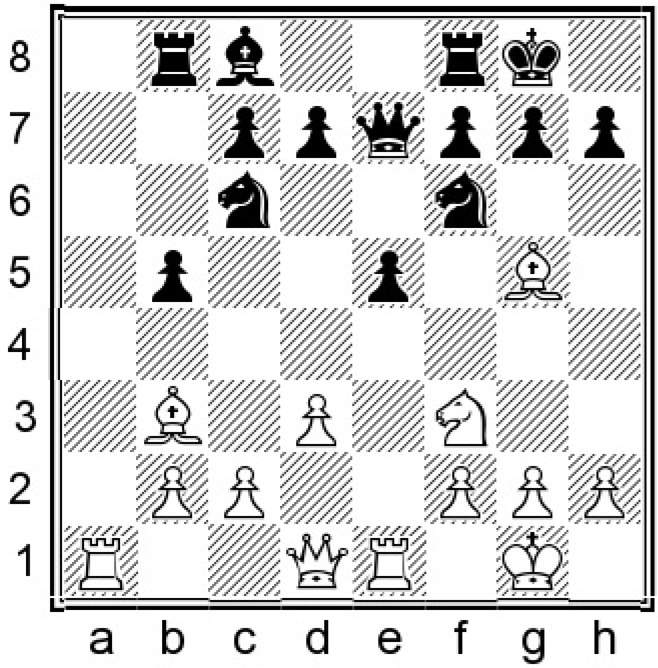
8.a4 ♖b8 9.axb5 axb5



10.♘d5!? ♘xe4 11.d3 ♘f6

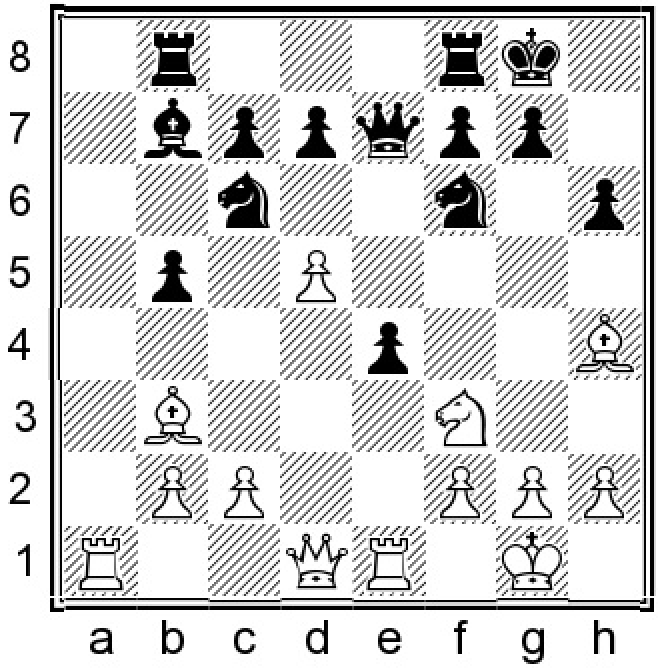
11...♘d6?? 12.♗g5+-; 11...♘xf2? 12.♖xf2 ♗xf2+ 13.♔xf2 h6 14.g4!±

12.♗g5 ♗e7 13.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 14.♖e1



14...♕d6N - 153/138

14...d6 15.d4 h6 16.♗h4 ♗g4 17.c3 g5 18.♗g3 e4 19.♕d2=∞; 14...h6N 15.♗h4 ♗b7 16.d4 (16.♘xe5 ♘xe5 17.d4 d6 18.dxe5 dxe5∓) 16...e4 (16...d6 17.c3! (17.d5 ♘b4 18.c3 ♘bxd5 19.♗xd5 ♗xd5 20.♗xf6 ♕e6 21.♗h4 f5=∞) 17...♖a8 18.♖xa8 ♖xa8 19.♗c2±) 17.d5



17...♘e5 (17...♘b4?! 18.♘d2 ♗xd5 19.♗xd5 ♘bxd5 20.♘xe4 ♕d8 21.♖a6±) 18.♖xe4 (18.♘d4 ♘g6 19.♗xf6 ♕xf6 20.♖xe4 ♘f4∞; 18.♘d2 ♘g6 19.♗xf6 ♕xf6 20.♘xe4 ♕b6∞) 18...♘xf3+ 19.gxf3 ♕d6 20.♖d4 ♖a8∞ Svane,F (2521)-Subelj,J (2498) Thessaloniki 153/(138) 2022

15.♘xe5! ♘xe5

15...♘d4 16.♗a2 ♗b7 17.c3 ♘e6 18.♗xe6 fxe6 19.f3±

16.♗f4 ♘fg4 17.♕e2

17.d4?! ♕f6 18.♗g3 ♘c6 19.♕xg4 d6∓

17...♗b7 18.♗xe5 ♘xe5 19.♕xe5 ♕g6

19...♕xe5?! 20.♖xe5 ♗c6 21.♖e7±

20.♕g3 ♖a8 21.♕xg6 hxg6 22.f4

22.f3 ♖xa1 23.♖xa1 ♖a8 24.♖xa8+ ♗xa8 25.♔f2 ♔f8 26.♔e3 ♔e7 27.h4 f6=

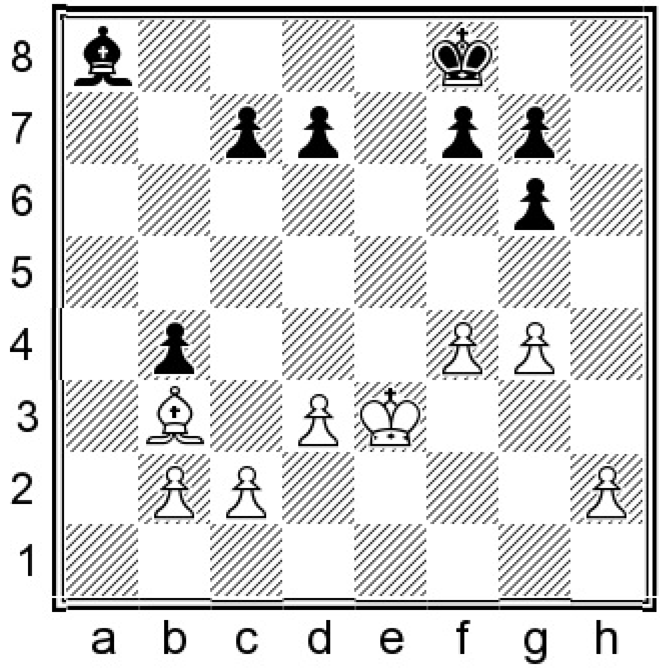
22...♖xa1 23.♖xa1 ♖a8 24.♖xa8+

24.♖e1 ♔f8=

24...♗xa8 25.♔f2 ♔f8 26.g4

26.g3 ♔e7 27.♔e3 c5 28.c3 d6=

26...b4 27.♔e3



27...c5??

27...♔e7! 28.♔d4 (28.g5 c5 29.d4 d6 30.♔d3 ♗b7=) 28...♔f6 (28...d6 29.♔c4 c5 30.d4+-) 29.g5+! (29.♔c5 g5 30.fxg5+ ♔xg5 31.♗xf7 (31.♔xb4? f6∓) 31...♔xg4 32.♔xb4 ♔h3=) 29...♔f5 30.♗xf7 (30.♔e3 f6 31.♗a4 ♔e6=) 30...♔xf4 31.♔c4 ♔xg5 32.♔xb4 ♔h4 33.♗xg6 ♔h3 34.♗f5+ ♔xh2 35.♗xd7 g5 36.d4 ♔g3 37.♔c5 ♔f4 38.d5 g4=

28.d4 d6 29.♔d3 ♔e7 30.♔c4 cxd4 31.♔xb4

31.♔xd4+-

31...♗f3

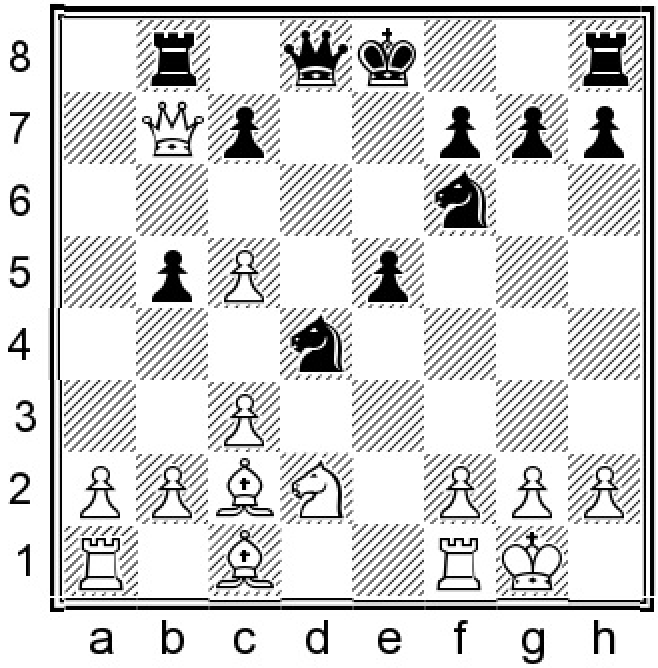
31...♔f6 32.h4 ♗f3 33.g5+ ♔f5 34.♗xf7 ♔xf4 (34...♗e4 35.♔c4 ♗xc2 36.♔xd4+-) 35.♗xg6 ♔g4 36.♗d3 ♔xh4 37.g6+-

32.g5 ♗e2 33.♗c4 ♗f3 34.♔a5 ♔d7 35.♔b6 ♔c8 36.♔a7 1-0

139. * C78
Van Foreest, Jorden (2680) - Grover, Sahaj (2505)
Abu Dhabi 153/139, 2022

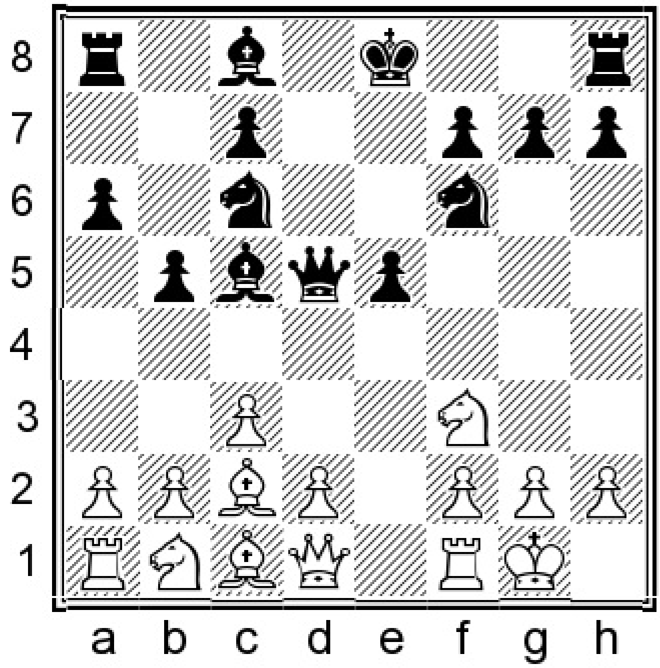
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗c5 6.c3 b5 7.♗c2 d5 8.exd5

8.d4 dxe4 9.♘bd2 exf3 10.♕xf3 ♗b7 (10...♗e7 - 82/(306)) 11.dxc5 ♘d4 12.♕xb7 ♖b8 (12...♘xc2? 13.♕c6+! ♔e7 14.♖b1±) 13.♕xa6 ♖a8 (13...♘xc2 14.♖b1 O-O 15.♕c6 ♕d3 16.♕f3 ♕g6 17.b4±) 14.♕b7 ♖b8



15.♕xb8! ♘e2+ 16.♔h1 ♕xb8 17.♖e1 ♘xc1 18.♖xe5+ ♔d8N (18...♔d7; 18...♔f8) 19.♖xc1 ♖e8 20.♘f3 ♖xe5 21.♘xe5↑ Tabatabaei,M (2664)-Ojas,K (2254) Dubai 153/(139) 2022

8...♕xd5



9.♕e2N

9.d4 - 96/241

9...O-O 10.d3 h6 11.♘bd2 ♖e8 12.♘e4

12.b4 ♗e7 13.♗b3 ♕d8 14.a4 ♖b8 15.♘e4 ♘d5 16.♗d2∞

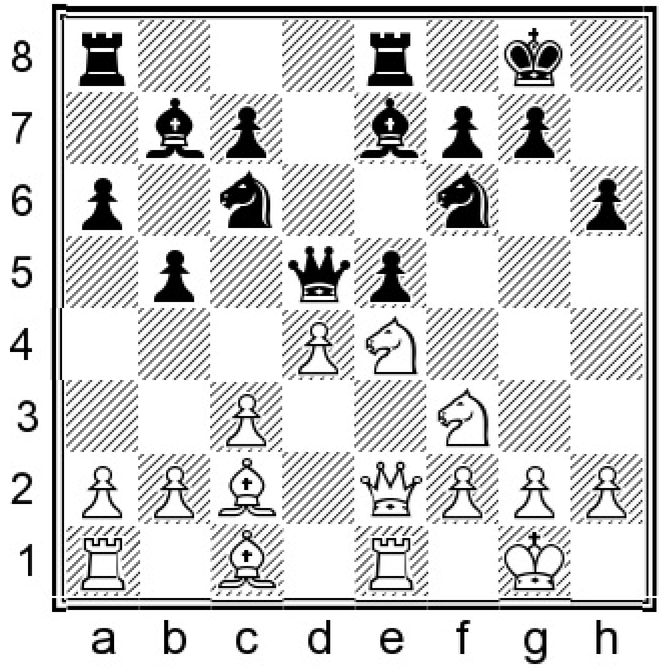
12...♗e7

12...♘xe4 13.dxe4 ♕d6 14.b4 ♗b6 15.♗e3 (15.a4 bxa4 16.♖xa4 a5=) 15...♕f6 16.a4 bxa4 17.♖xa4 ♖b8 18.♗b3↑

13.d4!?

13.♗b3 ♕d8 14.a4 ♗f5 15.h3 ♕d7 16.♖e1 ♖ad8∞; 13.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 14.♘d2 ♗e6 15.♘e4 ♗e7 16.f4 ♕d7 (16...f5 17.♘g3±) 17.♗e3 ♖ad8 18.♕f2∞

13...♗b7 14.♖e1



14.♕d3 ♕xe4 15.♕xe4 ♘xe4 16.♗xe4 exd4 17.♘xd4 ♘xd4 18.♗xb7 ♖ab8 19.cxd4 ♖xb7=

14...♔f8! 15.dxe5

15.♘xf6 ♗xf6 16.♗e4 ♕d7∓

15...♘xe5 16.♗f4

16.♘xe5 ♕xe5 17.♘xf6 ♕xf6 18.♗e3 ♗d6∓

16...♘xe4 17.♘xe5

17.♗xe4 ♕xe4 18.♕xe4 ♗xe4 19.♗xe5 ♗xf3 20.gxf3 c6=

17...♘f6!

17...♘xc3?? 18.♕g4+-

18.♕f1 ♗d6 19.♗b3 ♕c5 20.♘d3 ♕b6 21.♖ad1 ♖xe1

21...♗xf4! 22.♘xf4 c5∓

22.♗xd6+!

22.♖xe1? ♗xf4 23.♘xf4 ♕d6 24.♘d3 ♘g4∓

22...♕xd6 23.♘xe1 ♕e5 24.♘d3 ♕f5 25.f3 ♖d8 26.♕e2 c5 27.♗c2 c4 28.♖e1?!

28.♕e5 ♕xe5 (28...♗c8 29.♕xf5 ♗xf5 30.♘b4 ♖xd1+ 31.♗xd1=) 29.♘xe5 ♖xd1+ 30.♗xd1 ♔e7=

28...♕d5?

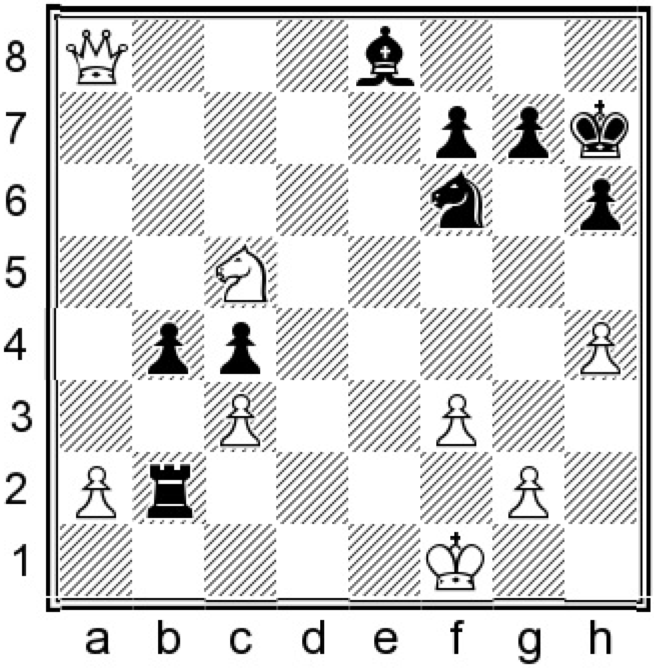
28...♖e8! 29.♘e5 ♗e4! 30.♗xe4 ♕xe5∓

29.♕e7+ ♔g8 30.♘c5± ♗c6 31.♖d1 ♕xd1+ 32.♗xd1 ♖xd1+ 33.♔f2 ♖d2+ 34.♔f1 a5?

34...♖xb2 35.♕c7 ♖b1+ 36.♔f2 ♖b2+ 37.♔g3 ♗d5 38.h4±

35.♕c7 ♗e8 36.♕xa5 ♖xb2 37.♕a8 ♔h7 38.h4 ♗d7

38...♖c2 39.g4+-; 38...b4



39.♘e4! bxc3 40.♘xc3+-

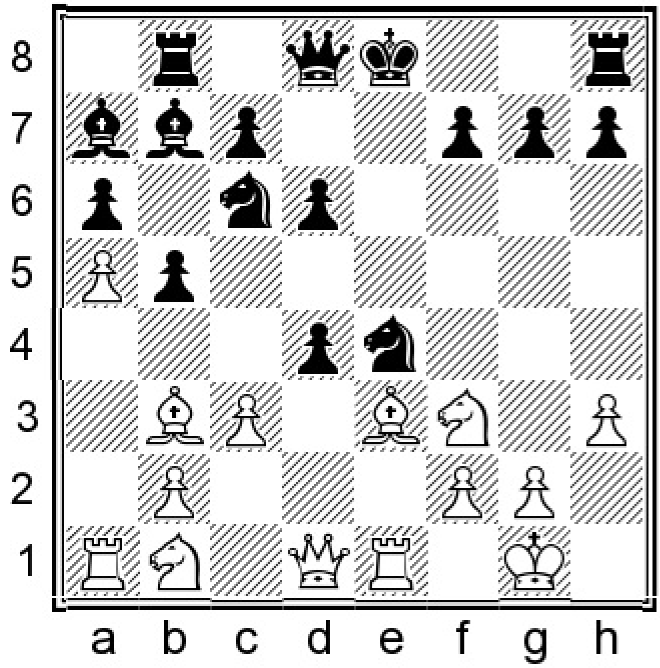
39.g4 ♗e6 40.♘xe6 fxe6 41.♕c6 ♘d5 42.♕xe6 ♖b1+

42...♘xc3 43.g5+-

43.♔f2 ♖b2+ 44.♔e1 ♘xc3 45.♕f5+ ♔g8 46.g5 hxg5 47.hxg5 ♖e2+ 48.♔f1 1-0

140. C78
Anton Guijarro, David (2668) - Arjun, Kalyan (2513)
Abu Dhabi 153/140, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.a4 ♖b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♗b6 10.a5 ♗a7 11.h3 ♗b7 12.♗e3 ♘xe4 13.♖e1 exd4



13...♘e7 - 150/126

14.♗g5!?N

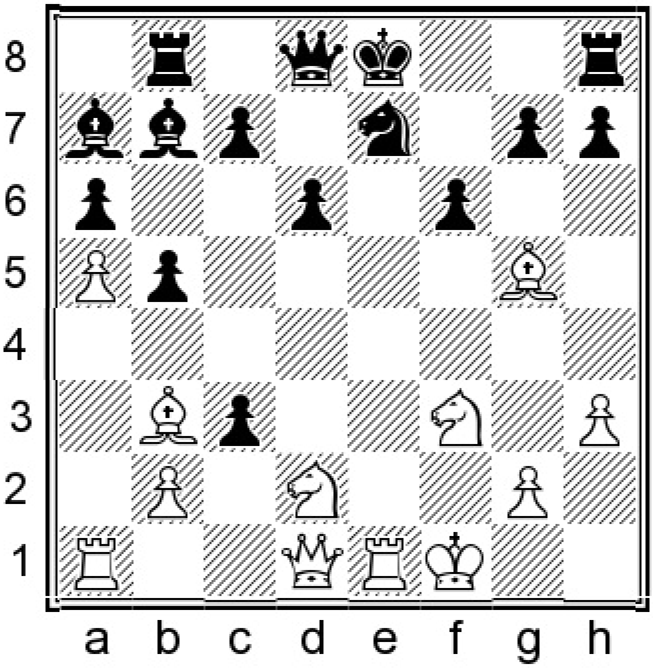
14.cxd4

14...♘e7 15.♘bd2

15.♗h4!? O-O 16.♘bd2 d5 17.cxd4♾

15...♘f6??

15...♘xg5? 16.♘xg5 d5 17.♕h5 g6 18.♕h6 ♔d7 (18...dxc3 19.♘df3 cxb2 20.♖ab1+-) 19.♘xf7 ♘f5 20.♕f4 ♕h4 21.♕e5 ♖be8 22.♘f3 ♖xe5 23.♘7xe5+ ♔c8 24.♘xh4 ♘xh4 25.cxd4 ♗xd4 26.♘d3±; 15...♘xf2? 16.♔xf2 dxc3+ 17.♔f1 f6



18.♘h4!! ♕d7 (18...fxg5 19.♕h5+ g6 20.♘xg6+-; 18...♔f8 19.♘df3 cxb2 20.♖b1+-) 19.♗e6 ♕c6 20.♖c1 fxg5 21.♖xc3 ♗c5 22.♕h5+ ♔d8 23.♕xg5+-; 15...d5! 16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♘xd4 ♕d6 (17...h6 18.♗h4 (18.♕h5!? O-O 19.♖ad1 ♕d6 20.♗e3↑) 18...♕d6 19.♕g4 ♗xd4 20.cxd4 O-O 21.♖ac1↑) 18.♕h5 O-O 19.♖ad1 ♗xd4 20.♖xd4 ♕g6 21.♕xg6 ♘xg6 22.♖ed1↑

16.♘h4 ♕d7

16...O-O 17.♗xf6 gxf6 18.♖xe7!+-; 16...dxc3 17.♗xf6 gxf6 18.♘f5 cxd2 19.♖xe7++-

17.♗xf6 gxf6 18.♕h5 ♔d8

18...d5 19.♘f5 ♗c5 20.♖xe7+ ♗xe7 21.♖e1+-

19.♕h6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.♘e4 ♕c6

21...dxe4 22.♕xf6 ♗d4 23.cxd4 ♖e8 24.♖ac1+-

22.♘xf6 ♕xc3 23.♕g7 1-0

141. C82
Onyshchuk, Volodymyr (2612) - Kantor, Gergely (2582)
Chennai (ol) 153/141, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.c3 ♗c5 10.a4

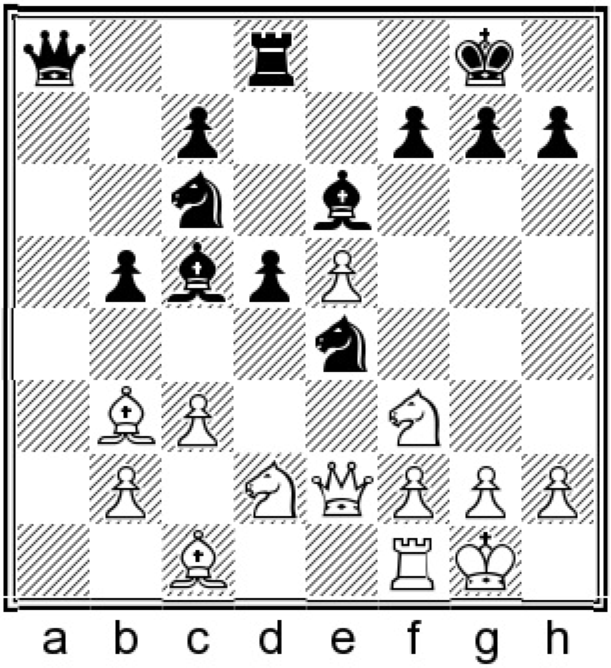
10.♘bd2 - 152/130

10.♕d3 - 113/129

10...O-O 11.axb5 axb5 12.♖xa8 ♕xa8 13.♘bd2 ♖d8

13...♕a7

14.♕e2



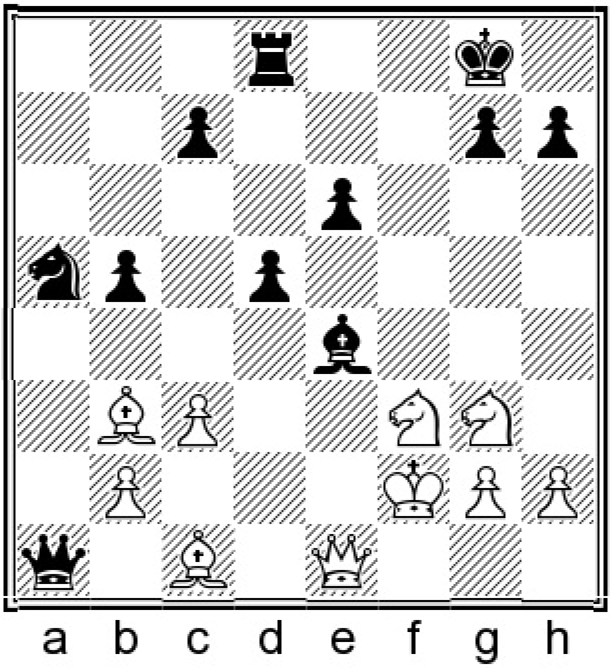
14...♘xf2N

14...♘xd2

15.♖xf2 ♕a1 16.♕e1 ♗f5 17.♘f1 ♗xf2+ 18.♔xf2 ♗e4 19.e6?!

19.♘1d2 ♗f5

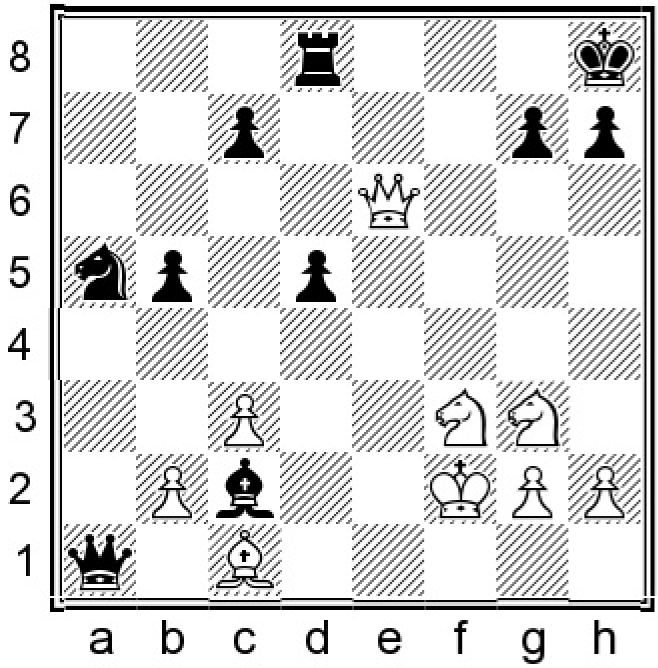
19...fxe6 20.♘g3 ♘a5?



20...♗xf3 21.gxf3 ♘e5 22.♕xe5 ♕xc1 23.♕xe6+ ♔h8 24.♘e2 ♕xb2 25.♕e7 ♖b8 26.♗xd5±;

20...♖f8! 21.♘xe4 dxe4 22.♗xe6+ ♔h8 23.♗d5 (23.♕xe4 ♕xc1 24.♕xc6 ♕d2+ 25.♔g3 ♕f4+=) 23...exf3 24.♗xc6 fxg2+ 25.♔xg2 ♕b1 26.♗xb5 h6∞

21.♗c2!! ♗xc2 22.♕xe6+ ♔h8



22...♔f8 23.♘e5 ♗g6 24.♗g5 ♕xb2+ 25.♘e2+-

23.♗h6!! ♖g8

23...gxh6 24.♘h5+-; 23...♗g6 24.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 25.♕e7+ ♔g8 26.♕xd8+ ♔g7 27.♕xc7+ ♔g8 28.♘d4 ♕xb2+ 29.♘ge2+-

24.♗xg7+! ♔xg7

24...♖xg7 25.♕e8+ ♖g8 26.♕e5+ ♖g7 27.♘h5+-

25.♕e7+ ♔h6 26.♕f6+ ♖g6 27.♕f8+ ♖g7 28.♕f4+ 1-0

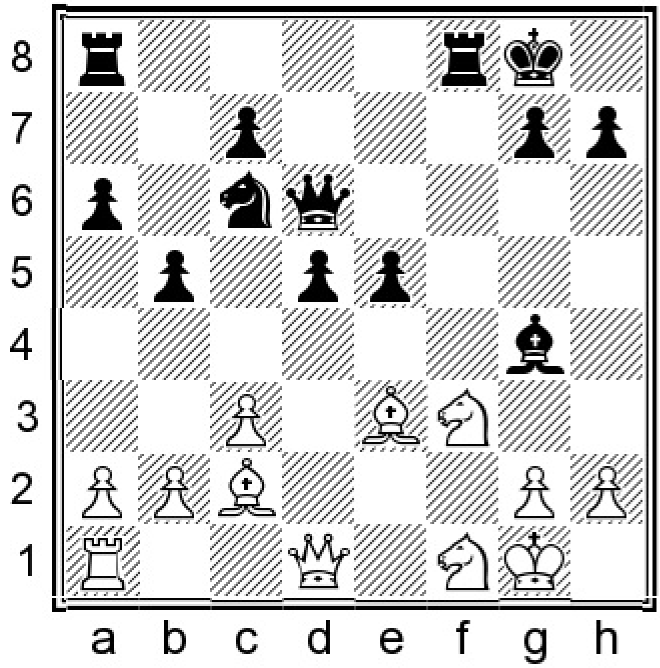
142. * C82
Nakamura, Hikaru (2760) - Caruana, Fabiano (2783)
Madrid (ct) 153/142, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.c3 ♗c5 10.♘bd2 O-O 11.♗c2 ♘xf2 12.♖xf2 ♗xf2+ 13.♔xf2 f6 14.♘f1 fxe5 15.♔g1 ♕d6

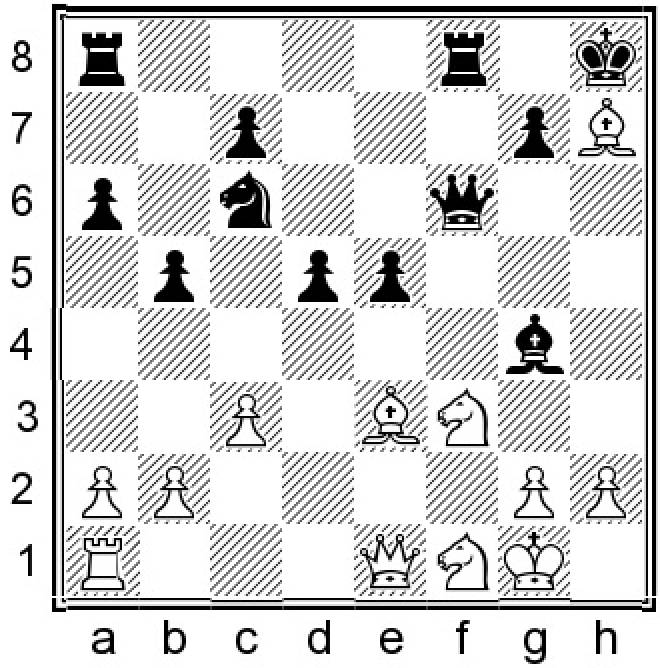
15...♗g4 16.♘e3! ♗e6± (16...♗xf3 17.gxf3±)

16.♗e3! ♗f5! - 153/142

16...h6 17.♗f2!; 16...♔h8 17.♘g5! ♗g8 18.♕h5±; 16...♗g4?N

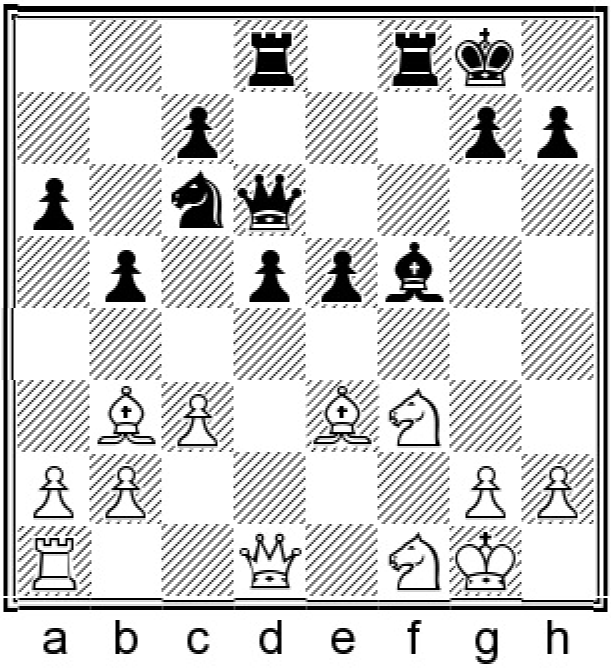


17.♗xh7+! ♔h8 (RR17...♔xh7 18.♘g5++- Sokolov, Ivan) 18.♕e1! ♕f6



(RR18...♗xf3 19.♕h4+-; 18...♔xh7 19.♕h4++- Sokolov, Ivan) 19.♘g5+- g6 20.♕h4 ♗h5 21.♘g3 d4 22.♘xh5 gxh5 23.♕xh5 ♔g7 24.♗e4 ♕h6 25.♘e6+ 1-0 (25) Motylev,A (2632)-Sharma,D (2416) Biel (open) 153/(142) 2022

17.♗b3 ♖ad8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a b c d e f g h

18.♕e1! ♘a5 19.♕f2!→ ♘b7N

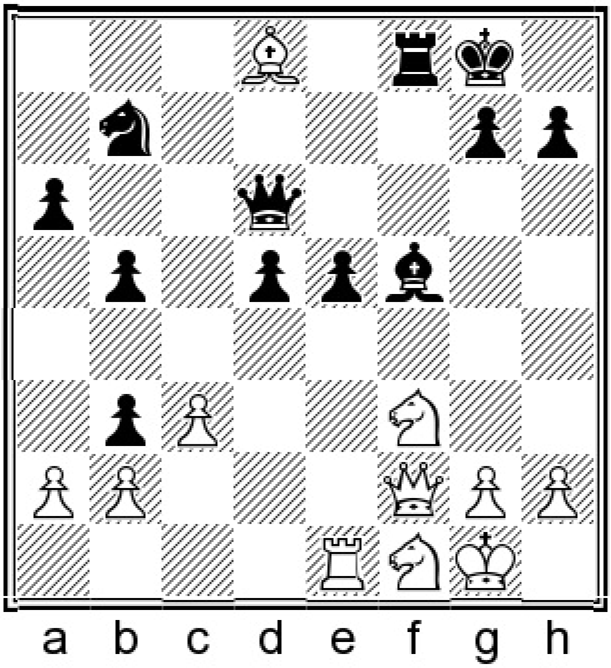
19...♘xb3? 20.axb3 ♖f7 21.♗c5+-

20.♖e1 c5!

20...♗g4?! 21.♕g3! ♗xf3 22.gxf3→; 20...c6 21.♘g3±

21.♘g3

21.♗g5!? c4! (21...♖de8? 22.♖xe5! ♖xe5 23.♗f4 ♖fe8 24.♘xe5 ♖xe5 25.♕g3+-) 22.♗xd8 cxb3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a b c d e f g h

23.♗h4! bxa2 24.♖a1 ♗b1 25.♕a7! ♕g6! (25...♘a5?? 26.♗e7+-) 26.♘xe5 (26.♘1d2 ♘a5∞) 26...♕e6

27.♗g3 ♘a5 28.♘d2 ♘c4 29.♕d4 ♘xd2 30.♕xd2±

21...♗d3 22.♕d2 c4

⌓22...e4

23.♗d1 ♖d7 24.♗f2

24.b4!?±

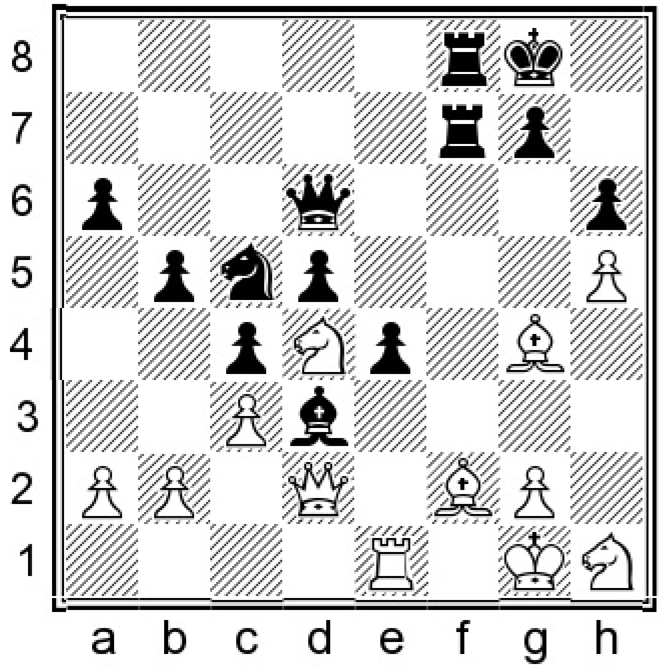
24...♖df7 25.♘h1! e4 26.♘d4 ♕g6?!

26...♘c5 27.b4 cxb3 28.axb3 a5∞

27.h4! ♘c5?!

27...h5!

28.h5! ♕d6 29.♗g4 h6



30.♕e3! ♕f4 31.♕xf4 ♖xf4 32.♘e6 ♘xe6 33.♗xe6+ ♔h7 34.♗xd5+- ♖8f5 35.♗c6 ♖xh5 36.♗d4 ♖hf5 37.♘f2 ♖f7 38.b4

38.♗xe4+ ♗xe4 39.♘xe4+-

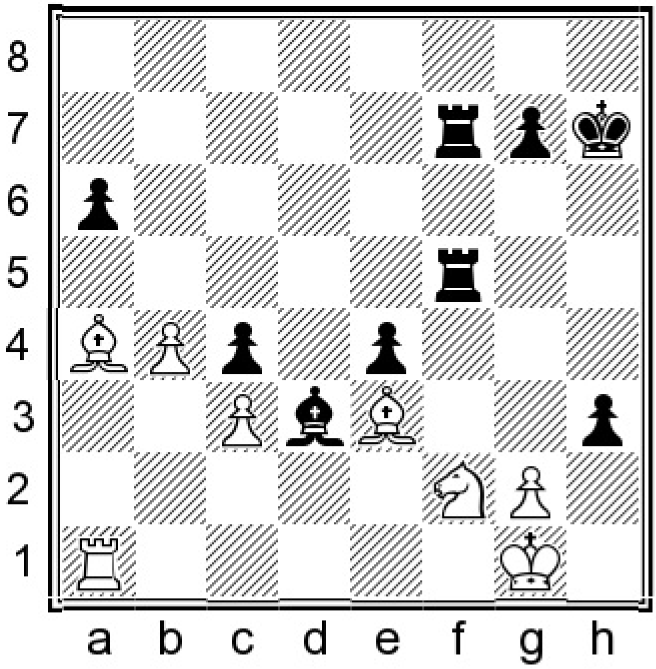
38...h5

38...e3 39.♗xe3 ♖e7 40.♘xd3 cxd3 41.♗xf4 ♖xe1+ 42.♔f2 ♖e2+ 43.♔f3+-

39.a4

39.♗e8+-

39...bxa4 40.♗xa4 h4 41.♗e3 ♖4f5 42.♖a1 h3



43.♖a2!

43.♘xh3 ♖f1+ 44.♖xf1 ♖xf1+ 45.♔h2 ♖e1=

43...hxg2 44.♗d1! ♖7f6 45.♗g4 ♖d5 46.♔xg2 ♖g6 47.♔g3 ♗f1 48.♗d4 ♗d3 49.♔f4 ♔g8 50.♗f5 ♖h6 51.♘g4 ♖hd6 52.♘e3 ♖b5 53.♗c5 ♖f6 54.♔e5 ♔f7 55.♘d5 ♖xf5+ 56.♔xf5 e3+ 57.♔e5 e2 58.♗f2 ♖b8 59.♗e1

59.♖xa6 ♖e8+ 60.♔d4 e1=♕ 61.♗xe1 ♖xe1 (61...♖e4+ 62.♔c5 ♖xe1 63.♖a7+ ♔g6 64.b5+-) 62.♖a7+ ♔g6 63.b5+-

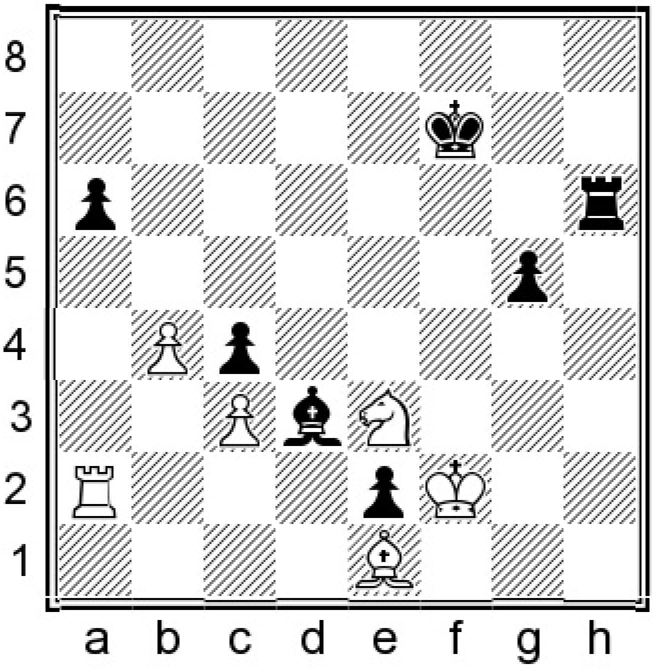
59...♖e8+ 60.♔f4

60.♔d4! ♖e6 61.♘c7+-

60...g5+! 61.♔g3 ♖e6 62.♔f2 ♖h6 63.♔e3 ♖e6+ 64.♔f2

64.♔d2?? ♖d6=

64...♖h6 65.♘e3



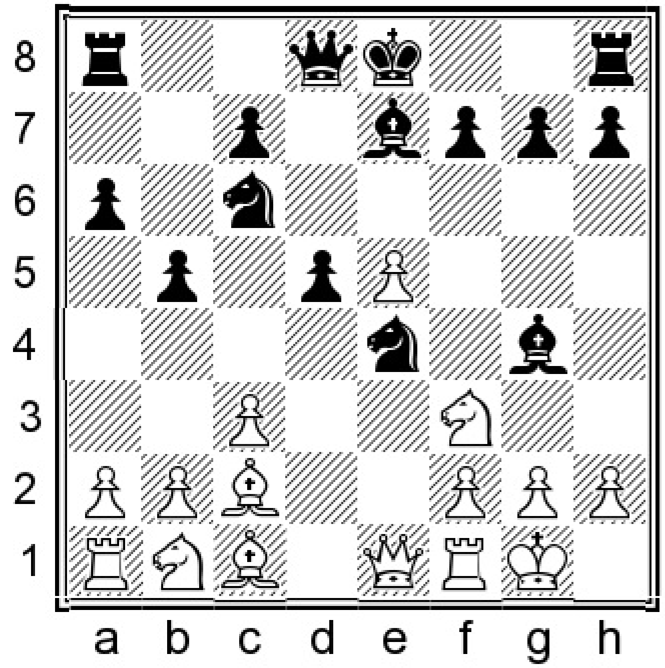
65...♖f6+

65...♖h1! 66.♘g2 g4! 67.♔g3 (67.♖xa6 ♖h3!=) 67...♗e4! (67...♖g1 68.♗f2!+- ♖c1 (68...♖f1 69.♘e1) 69.♗e1) 68.♖xe2 ♗f3 69.♖f2 ♔e6 70.♖xf3! gxf3 71.♔xf3±

66.♔g3 ♖f1 67.♘g2!+- ♖f6 68.♗f2 ♔g6 69.♖a5 ♖e6 70.♘e1 ♗f5 71.♘f3 ♖d6 72.♘d4 ♗d3 73.♖e5 ♔f6 74.♘f3 1-0

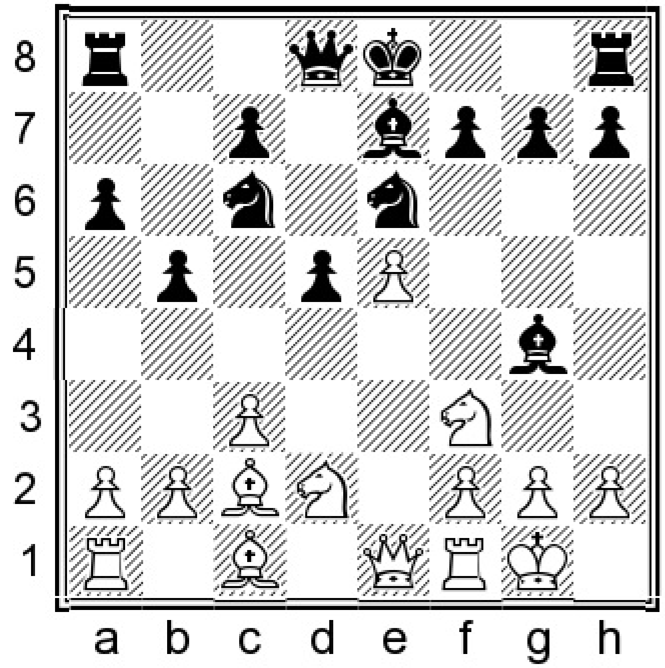
143. * C83
Tari, Aryan (2654) - Anand, Viswanathan (2751)
Stavanger 153/143, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.c3 ♗e7 10.♗c2 ♗g4 11.♕e1



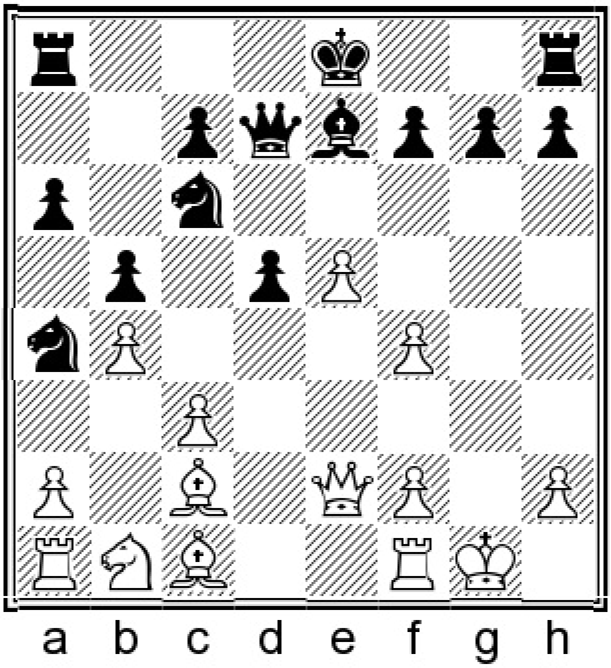
11...♗xf3N

11...O-O 12.♘bd2 (12.♘d4 - 152/133) 12...♘c5 13.♘d4 ♘xd4 14.cxd4 ♘e6 15.♘b3 a5 16.♗e3 a4 17.♘a5 ♕d7∞; 11...♘c5 - 153/(143) 12.♘bd2 ♘e6



13.♕e2N (13.h3) 13...♕d7 14.♖e1± Anand,V (2756)-Santos Latasa,J (2675) Leon (m/4-rapid) 153/(143) 2022

12.gxf3 ♘c5 13.b4 ♘a4 14.f4 ♕d7 15.♕e2



15.♔h1 O-O-O 16.♗xa4 (16.♕e2 d4! 17.♗xa4 (17.♕f3 h5 18.♗e4 ♖h6∞) 17...d3 18.♕d1 bxa4 19.♕xa4 ♘b8 20.♕xd7+ ♘xd7 21.♘d2 f6=∞) 16...bxa4 17.♕e2 ♔b7 18.b5 ♘a5 19.bxa6+ ♔a8∞; 15.f5 g6∞

15...♘xc3!= 16.♘xc3 ♘d4 17.♕d1 ♘xc2 18.♕xc2 ♕g4+ 19.♔h1 ♕f3+ 20.♔g1 ♕g4+ 21.♔h1 ♕f3+ 22.♔g1 1/2-1/2

144. * C88
Kollars, Dmitrij (2648) - Ivanisevic, Ivan (2561)
Chennai (ol) 153/144, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.a4 ♘a5!? 9.axb5

9.♗a2 - 103/235

9...♘xb3 10.cxb3 ♗b7 11.bxa6

11.d3 axb5 12.♖xa8 ♗xa8 13.♘xe5 d5 14.exd5 ♕xd5 15.♘f3 ♗d6=∞

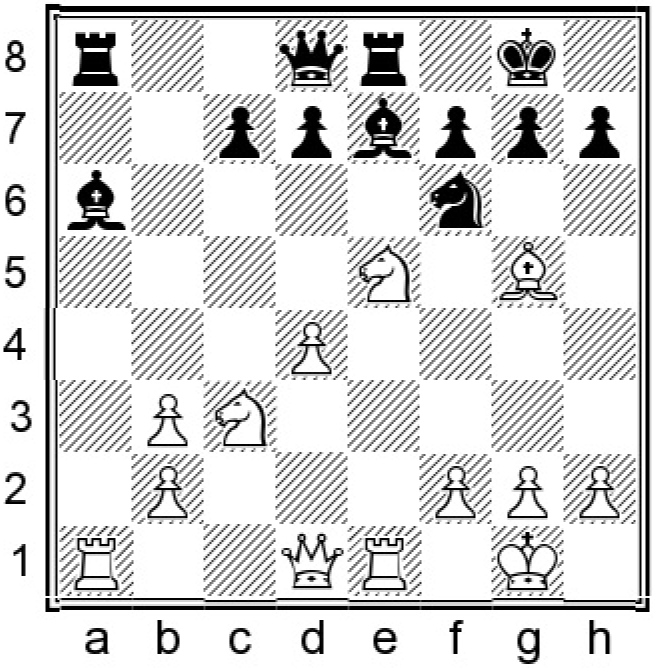
11...♗xe4 12.♘c3

12.d3 ♗b7 13.a7 ♗c5 14.♗e3 (14.♘xe5 ♗xa7 15.d4 ♖e8=∞) 14...♗xe3 15.♖xe3 d6 16.d4 ♘d5 17.♖e1 exd4 18.♕xd4 c5 19.♕d2 ♘b4=∞

12...♗d3 13.♘xe5 ♗xa6 14.d4 ♖e8

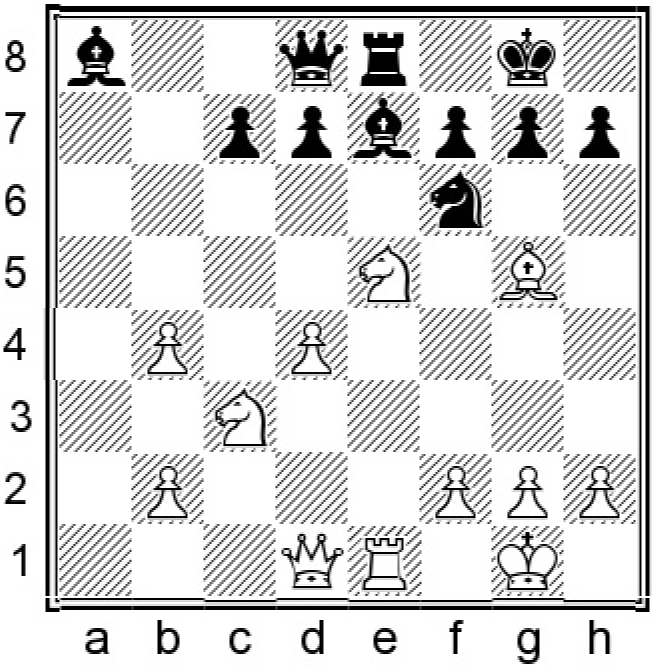
14...♗b7

15.♗g5



15...h6N

15...♗b7 - 153/(144) 16.♖xa8 ♗xa8 17.b4



17...d6N (17...h6 18.♕b3 hxg5 19.♘xf7 ♕b8 20.♘d6+ ♔h8 21.♘xe8 ♕xe8 22.♕a2 ♔h7 23.♕a6 ♕f8 24.♖a1 ♗d5 25.♕d3+ ♔g8 26.♘xd5 ♘xd5 27.♕e4 ♕f7 28.♖a8+ ♗f8 29.b5 ♘b6 30.♖e8 g6 31.♖e5=) 18.♘d3 h6 19.♗h4 g5 20.♗g3 ♗f8 21.b5 ♘d5=∞ Pasti,A (2365) -Ivanisevic,I (2561) Novi Sad 153/(144) 2022

16.♗h4 ♗b7 17.♖xa8 ♗xa8 18.h3

18.♘c4 d6 19.b4 g5 20.♗g3 ♗f8 21.♘e3 ♗g7=∞

18...g5 19.♗g3 ♗f8 20.♖e3 d6 21.♘c4 ♘d5=∞ 22.♘xd5 ♗xd5 23.♕d3 ♗g7 24.f3 ♖f8! 25.♖e2 f5?

25...♕f6 26.♗f2 ♕g6 27.♕xg6 (27.♕d1 ♖b8=) 27...fxg6 28.♖e7 (28.♖c2 ♖b8=) 28...♖c8=

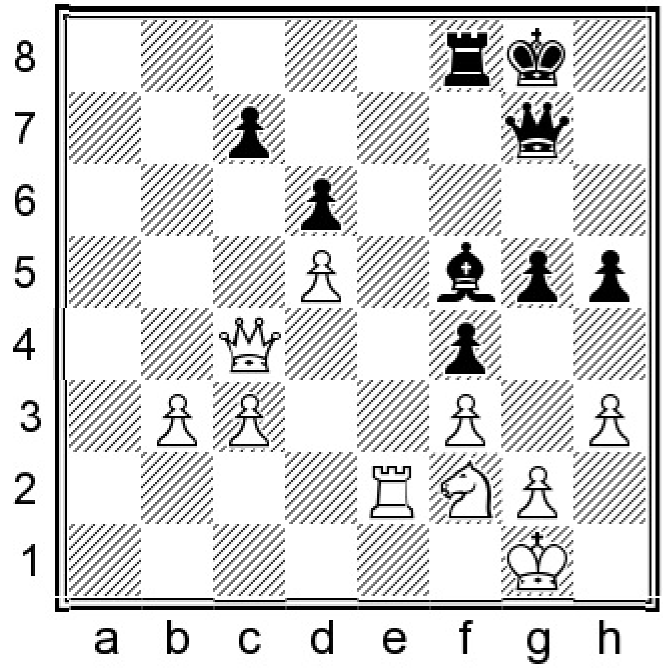
26.♘e3 ♗e6 27.d5 ♗d7 28.♗e1 f4 29.♘g4

29.♘c2 ♗f5 30.♕d1 ♗xb2 31.♘d4 ♗xd4+ 32.♕xd4 ♔h7 33.♗c3 ♕d7±

29...♗f5 30.♕c4 h5 31.♘f2 ♕d7?

31...♖e8 32.♗c3 ♖xe2 33.♕xe2 ♔f7 34.b4 ♔g6±

32.♗c3 ♗xc3 33.bxc3 ♕g7



34.♖e1?!

34.b4! ♔h7 35.b5 ♖f7 (35...♖a8 36.♕c6 ♖a1+ 37.♔h2 g4 38.fxg4 hxg4 39.hxg4 ♗d3 40.♖e8+-) 36.♔f1 ♖e7 37.♕d4+-

34...♔h7 35.b4?!

35.♘d3 ♖f7 36.♔f2 ♖e7 37.♖xe7 ♕xe7 38.♕d4+-

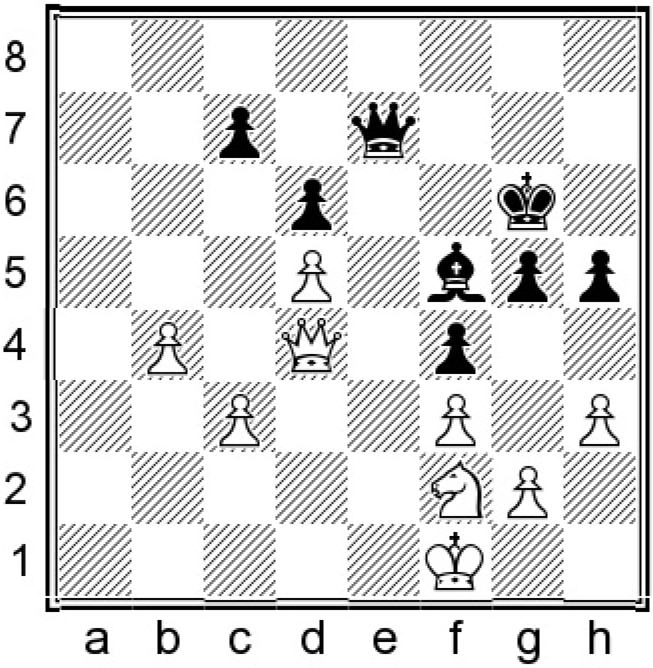
35...♖f7 36.♖e8?!

36.♘d3 ♖e7 37.♔f2 ♖xe1 38.♔xe1 ♕e7+ 39.♔d1 h4±

36...♖e7! 37.♖xe7 ♕xe7 38.♔f1 ♔g6

38...♕e3! 39.♕xc7+ (39.♕d4 ♕xd4 40.cxd4 ♗d7=; 39.♔g1 ♕e1+ 40.♔h2 ♕xf2 41.♕xc7+ ♔g6 42.♕xd6+ ♔g7=) 39...♔g8 40.♔g1 (40.♕d8+ ♔f7 41.♕xg5 ♕c1+ 42.♔e2 ♕b2+ 43.♔f1 ♕c1+=) 40...g4! (40...♕e1+? 41.♔h2 ♕xf2 42.♕d8+ ♔f7 43.♕xg5 ♕g3+ 44.♕xg3 fxg3+ 45.♔xg3+-) 41.hxg4 hxg4 42.fxg4 ♕e1+ 43.♔h2 ♕xf2=

39.♕d4



39.♘e4 ♗xe4! 40.fxe4 (40.♕xe4+?? ♕xe4 41.fxe4 ♔f6 42.♔e2 g4∓) 40...g4=; 39.h4 ♕e3!=

39...♕e8?

39...♕f6! 40.♕c4 (40.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 41.♔e2 ♔e5 42.h4 gxh4 43.♘d3+ ♔xd5 44.♘xf4+ ♔c4 45.♔d2 d5=) 40...♕e7 41.♕e2 ♕f6 42.♕e8+ ♔g7=

40.h4!+- gxh4 41.♕xf4 ♕b5+ 42.♔g1 ♕xd5 43.♕xh4 ♕e5

43...♕d2 44.♘e4 ♗xe4 45.♕xe4+ ♔h6 46.♕e6+ ♔g7 47.♕c4

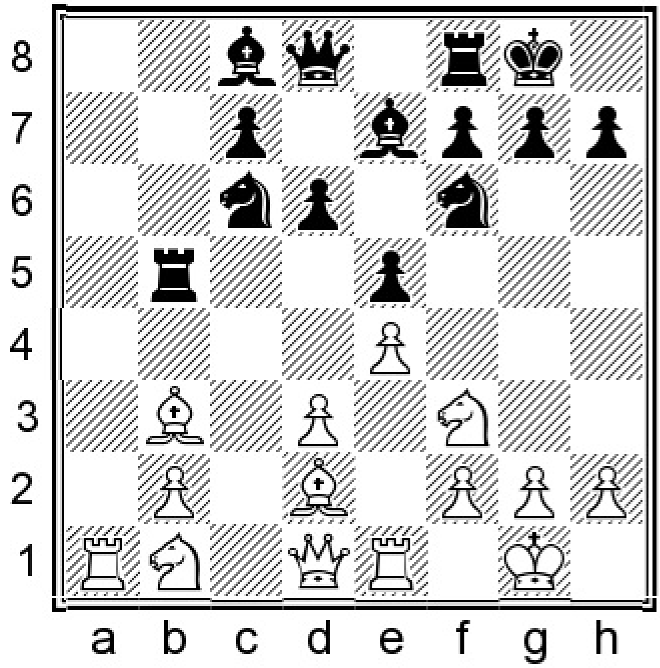
44.♘e4 ♗d7 45.♔f2 ♗c6 46.♔e3 ♗d5 47.♕f4 ♕e7 48.g4 hxg4 49.♕xg4+ ♔h6 50.♕f5 ♗f7 51.♔f4 ♕h4+ 52.♕g4 ♕h2+ 53.♔e3 ♕e5 54.f4 ♕e7 55.♕g5+ ♕xg5 56.♘xg5 ♗g8 57.♘f3 ♗e6 58.♘d4 ♗d7 59.♔e4 ♔h5 60.♔d5 ♗a4 61.b5 ♔g4 62.f5 ♔g5 63.♔e4 1-0

145. !N C88
Ivic, Velimir (2581) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2708)
Chennai (ol) 153/145, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.a4!? ♗b7 9.d3 d6 10.♗d2 b4 11.c3 ♖b8!? 12.cxb4

12.♗g5 - 30/286

12...♗c8 13.b5! axb5 14.axb5 ♖xb5



15.♗c3!N

15.h3; 15.♖a8

15...♗g4 16.♘bd2 ♖b8 17.h3 ♗h5 18.♗c4 ♘d7 19.♘f1?!

19.♕a4! ♖b6 20.b4!±

19...♘d4?!

19...♗xf3 20.♕xf3 ♘d4 21.♕d1±

20.♗xd4?!

20.g4! ♘xf3+ 21.♕xf3 ♗g6 22.♘e3±

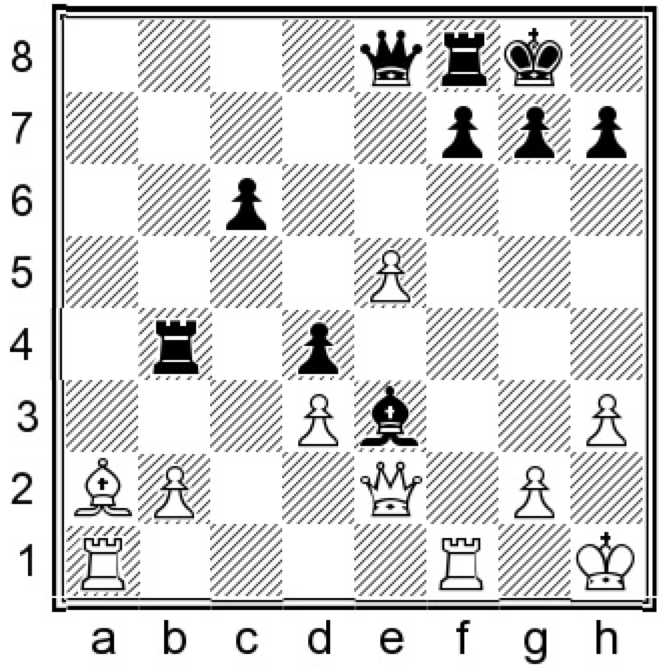
20...♗xf3 21.♕xf3 exd4 22.♕e2 ♘e5 23.♗a2 c6 24.f4 ♘d7 25.♘h2 ♖b4! 26.♘g4 ♘f6?

26...♗h4! 27.♖f1 ♔h8∞

27.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 28.e5!↑ dxe5 29.fxe5 ♗g5 30.♖f1 ♗e3+?!

30...g6±

31.♔h1 ♕e8?



31...g6±

32.♕g4??

32.♖xf7! ♖xf7 33.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 34.♕h5+ ♔f8 35.♕xh7+-

32...♖b7 33.e6 fxe6 34.♗xe6+ ♔h8 35.♗d7!? ♕d8?!

35...♖xf1+ 36.♖xf1 h5!=

36.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 37.♕f5 ♕d6 38.♗xc6 ♖b8 39.♗e4?!

39.♗d5±

39...g6 40.♕f7 ♖f8 41.♖a8 ♖xa8 42.♗xa8 ♕f4!= 43.♕xf4 ♗xf4 44.♔g1 ♔g7 45.♔f2 ♔f6 46.♔f3 ♔e5 47.b4 ♗g5 48.b5 ♗d8 49.♗e4 ♔f6 50.♗d5 ♔e5 51.♗g8 h6 52.♗f7 g5 53.♗e8 ♗c7 54.♔g4 ♔f6 55.♔h5 ♔g7 1/2-1/2

D00-D24

146. D02
Meier, Georg (2613) - Graf, Alexander (2562)
Deutschland 153/146, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘d7 3.d4 ♘b6 4.a4 a5 5.b3 ♘f6N

5...♗f5 - 152/138

6.♗a3 g6 7.♗g2 ♗g7 8.♘bd2 O-O 9.e3!?

9.O-O ♘e4 10.e3 ♖e8 11.♘e5 ♘xd2 12.♕xd2 c6 13.♖ad1 ♘d7∞

9...♗f5

9...♘e4 10.c4 c6 11.O-O (11.♖c1 ♗g4 12.h3 ♗xf3 13.♗xf3 ♘xd2 14.♕xd2±) 11...♗f5 12.♖c1 ♕d7 13.cxd5 ♘xd5 14.♘c4 ♕e6 15.♘fe5±

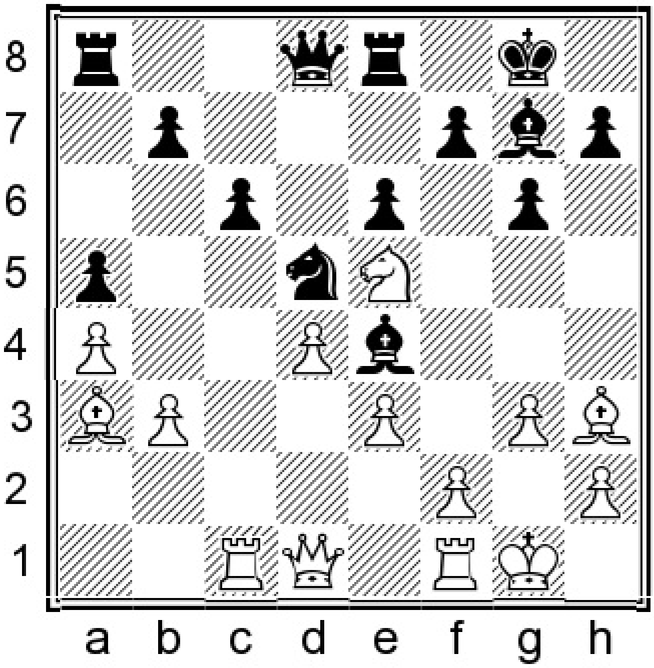
10.c4 c6 11.♖c1 ♖e8 12.O-O ♘e4

12...h6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.♘e5 ♖c8 15.♕e2±

13.cxd5 ♘xd5 14.♘xe4 ♗xe4 15.♗h3!?

15.♕e2 ♘f6 16.♘d2 ♗xg2 17.♔xg2 ♕d5+ 18.♕f3 e5 19.♕xd5 ♘xd5 20.e4 (20.dxe5 ♗xe5 21.♘c4 ♗c7 22.♗d6 b5! 23.axb5 cxb5 24.♗xc7 bxc4 25.♖xc4 a4 26.bxa4 ♖ec8 27.♖fc1 ♖xc7 28.♖xc7 ♘xc7 29.♖xc7 ♖xa4 30.♔f3 h5 31.♖d7 ♔g7=) 20...♘b6 21.dxe5 ♗xe5 22.f4 ♖ad8 23.♖fd1 ♗g7 24.♘f1±

15...e6 16.♘e5



16.♕e2!? ♗f8 17.♗xf8 ♗xf3 18.♕xf3 ♖xf8 19.♕e4 ♘b4 20.♖c5 ♕f6 21.♗g2 ♖fd8=

16...♕g5?!

16...♘b4! 17.♗xb4 (17.♘c4 ♘a2 18.♖a1 ♘b4 19.♖c1 ♘a2 20.♘d6 ♘xc1 21.♕xc1 ♗f3 22.♘xe8 ♕xe8 23.♗g2 ♗xg2 24.♔xg2 ♕d7=) 17...axb4 18.♗g2 ♗xg2 19.♔xg2 ♗xe5 20.dxe5 ♕d5+ 21.♕xd5 exd5 22.♖fd1 ♖xe5 23.♖d4 ♔f8 24.♖xb4 ♖a7=

17.♘c4 ♕h6

17...♖ed8 18.♕e2 h5 19.♖fd1±

18.♗g2 ♗xg2 19.♔xg2 ♖ed8 20.♕e1!?

20.♕e2 ♗f8 21.♗c5!±

20...b6?!

20...♕h5!? 21.h3 b5 22.♘d2 e5 23.e4 ♘b4 24.♗xb4 axb4 25.axb5 exd4 26.bxc6 ♖ac8 27.♘f3±

21.e4 ♘b4 22.♗xb4 axb4 23.♘xb6+- ♖a6 24.♖xc6 ♗xd4 25.♕xb4 ♕h5 26.♕e7

26.♘d5 exd5 27.♖xa6 dxe4 28.♖d6

26...♖b8

26...♗xb6 27.♖xb6 ♖aa8 28.♖b7 ♖f8 29.♖c1

27.♕d6 ♕e5 28.♖c8+ ♖xc8 29.♕xe5 ♗xe5 30.♘xc8 ♔f8 31.f4 ♗d4 32.♖d1 e5 33.fxe5 ♗xe5 34.♖d5 f6 35.♖c5 ♔e8

35...♗d4 36.♖c7 ♔e8 37.♘e7 ♔d8 38.♖c6

36.a5 ♗d4 37.♖d5 ♗e5 38.♘b6 ♗c7

38...♗c3 39.♘c4 ♔f7 40.♔f3 ♔e6 41.♔e3 f5 42.♖b5!

39.♘c4 ♔e7 40.g4 ♖a8 41.b4 ♗d8 42.♖c5 ♖a7 43.♔f3 ♖d7 44.a6 ♖a7

44...♖d1 45.♔e3 ♖a1 46.b5

45.b5 ♖a8 46.♖c6 ♖a7 47.♘b6 ♔f7 48.♘c8 ♖a8 49.a7 ♔e8 50.b6 ♗xb6 51.♖xb6 1-0

147. D10
Topalov, Veselin (2730) - Anand, Viswanathan (2751)
Stavanger 153/147, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.a4 c6 5.♘c3 b4 6.♘b1 ♗a6 7.♕c2 ♕xd4 8.♘f3 ♕d7 9.♗xc4 ♗xc4

9...e6 - 113/134

10.♕xc4 e6 11.♗e3 ♘f6N

11...♕b7

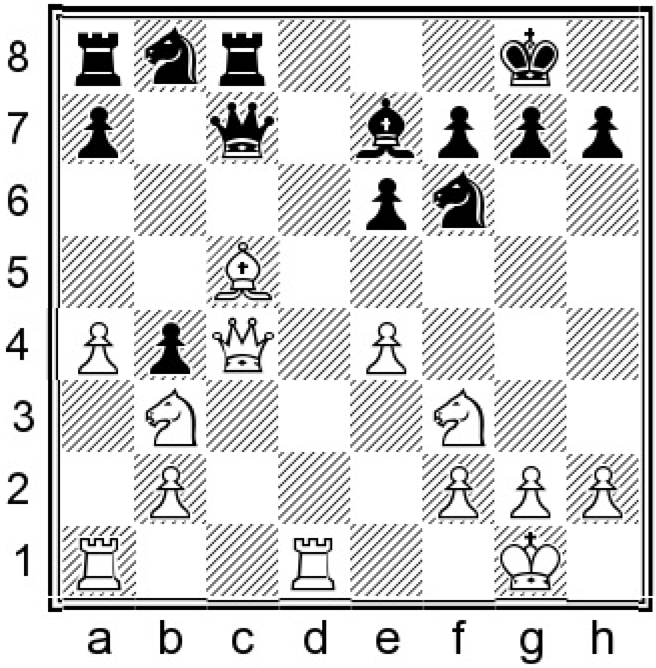
12.♘bd2 ♗e7 13.O-O O-O 14.♖fd1=∞ c5!?

14...♕c7 15.♗c5 ♗xc5 16.♕xc5 a5 17.♖ac1=∞; 14...♖c8 15.♗c5 a5 16.♖ac1=∞

15.♗xc5 ♖c8! 16.♘b3□

16.♘e5? ♕e8! 17.♘b3 ♘bd7 18.♘xd7 ♘xd7-+

16...♕c7



17.♕b5!

17.♕xb4?? ♘a6-+; 17.♘e5 ♕xe5 18.♗xe7 ♘c6 19.♖ac1 ♘xe4 (19...♕xe4 20.♕a6 ♘e8 21.♘d2 ♕g4□ 22.h3 ♕h5 23.♗c5↑; 19...♘e8 20.♗h4 ♕xb2 21.♖c2 ♕e5 22.♗g3 ♕h5 23.♖dc1=∞) 20.♗xb4 h6∞

17...a6

17...♗xc5 18.♘xc5 h6 19.♖ac1±; 17...♘xe4 18.♗xe7 ♕xe7 19.♖ac1 ♖xc1 20.♖xc1 ♘d6□ 21.♕xb4 ♘a6 22.♕a5 ♕b7 23.♘fd4±

18.♕xb4 ♘c6 19.♕e1 ♖ab8

⌓19...♘a5 20.♘xa5 (20.♕xa5 ♕xa5 21.♘xa5 ♗xc5=∞; 20.♗xe7 ♘xb3 21.♖a3 ♕c2=∞) 20...♗xc5 21.b4 ♗f8=∞

20.♗xe7

20.♖ac1!±

20...♕xe7 21.♘fd2

21.♖ac1

21...♕b4

21...♘b4!?; 21...♘e5!?

22.♕e2 ♘d4 23.♘xd4 ♕xd4 24.b3

24.♘f3!?

24...h6 25.♖a2

25.♘f3!?

25...a5= 26.h3 ♕b4 27.♕e1

27.♖b2 ♖c3 28.♖bb1=

27...♖c3 28.♖b2

28.♖c1 ♖xc1 29.♕xc1 ♘xe4 30.♘xe4 ♕xe4 31.♕d1=

28...♖d8 29.♖db1?!

29.♖c1; 29.e5

29...♘d7!↑ 30.♕e2 ♖b8?!

30...♘e5!?; 30...♘c5!?; 30...♖dc8!?

31.♖d1?!

31.♘c4 ♘c5 32.e5=

31...♘c5

31...♘e5!?

32.♖bb1 ♖d3

32...♘xb3 33.♕h5! ♕xa4 34.♘xb3 ♖cxb3 35.♖xb3 ♕xb3 36.♖d7=∞

33.e5= ♖d5 34.♘c4 ♖xd1+ 35.♕xd1 ♘xa4 36.♖a1 ♘c3 37.♕d6

37.♕d6 ♕xb3 38.♘xa5 ♕b2 39.♖e1 ♘d5 40.♘c4 ♕b7↑; 37.♕d3 ♕xb3 38.♖xa5=

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148. D11
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2759) - Topalov, Veselin (2730)
Stavanger 153/148, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 ♗f5 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘h4 dxc4

6...♗g4 - 130/ 143

7.♘xf5 exf5 8.e3 ♘bd7 9.♗xc4 ♘b6 10.♗f1 ♗d6 11.♗g2 O-O 12.♕d3N

12.O-O

12...g6 13.♗d2 ♖e8 14.O-O-O

14.O-O

14...♕e7

14...♗b4!?

15.f3 c5

15...♘fd5!?

16.♔b1 cxd4! 17.exd4 ♕d7

17...♗b4!?

18.♖he1 ♖xe1 19.♖xe1 ♗c5

19...♗f8!?

20.f4

20.g4!?; 20.♕b5!? ♗xd4 21.♕xd7 ♘bxd7 22.g4!?=∞

20...♗f8 21.♕b5!? ♕xd4 22.♗e3 ♕d6 23.♖d1 ♕e6 24.♗xb6

24.♗d4!?=∞

24...axb6 25.♗xb7 ♖a5

25...♖a7!?

26.♕c6 ♖c5?!

26...♘e4=

27.♕xe6 fxe6 28.♗f3 ♖c7 29.a3 ♔f7?!

29...♗c5

30.♘a4 ♘d7 31.♗e2 ♖b7

31...h6!?

32.b4 e5?!

32...♔e7

33.♗b5 ♔e6 34.♔c2?!

34.♘c3!±

34...exf4! 35.gxf4 ♗h6 36.♖d4

36.♗xd7+ ♖xd7 37.♖e1+ ♔f7 38.♘xb6 ♖d4∞

36...♘f6 37.♔b3

37.♖c4!?

37...♘h5?!

37...♘e4=

38.♖c4! ♗xf4 39.♖c6+ ♔e5 40.♘xb6 ♗xh2 41.a4 ♗g1 42.♘c4+?!

42.a5 ♘g3 (42...♗xb6 43.a6! ♖b8 44.♖xb6 ♖xb6 45.a7 ♖xb5 46.a8=♕ ♖d5 47.♕e8+ ♔d6 48.b5±) 43.♗a6 (43.a6 ♖xb6 44.a7 ♖xc6 45.a8=♕ ♖b6±) 43...♖f7 44.♗c8±

42...♔f4 43.♘d6

43.♖d6!?

43...♖e7

43...♖b8!?

44.a5

44.♖c1!? ♗e3 45.♖f1+ ♔g4

44...♘f6?!

44...♖e1; 44...♘g3

45.♖c1 ♗f2 46.♖c2

46.♗c6!?

46...♔g3 47.♗c6 ♖e6

47...♖e3+ 48.♔c4! ♖a3 49.♔b5 h5∞

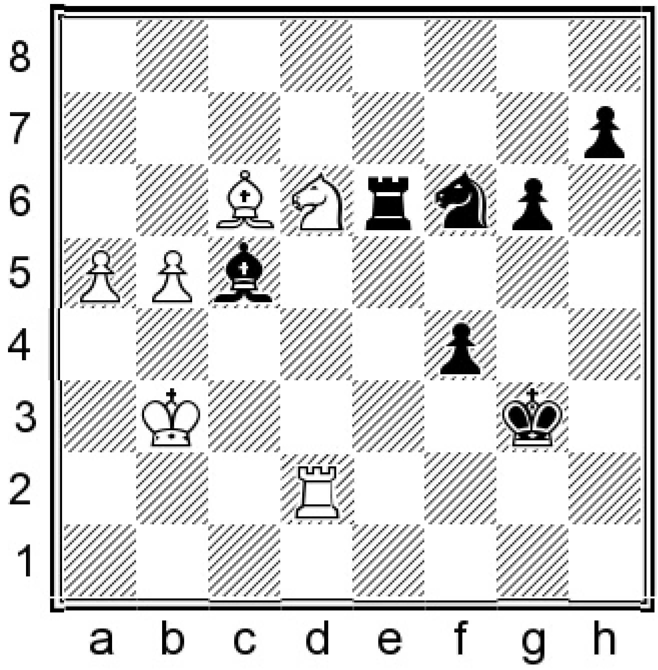
48.♖d2

48.♘c8!? f4! 49.b5 f3 50.b6 ♗xb6! 51.axb6 f2 52.♖c3+ (52.♖xf2 ♖xc6 53.♖xf6 ♖xc8 54.♔b4 g5 55.♖h6=) 52...♔h4 53.♗g2 ♘d7 54.b7 ♖e1=

48...f4?

48...♘e4 49.♘xe4+ fxe4=

49.b5 ♗c5



50.♖d3+?

50.b6 ♗xd6 51.a6 ♗e5 52.a7 ♖xc6 53.a8=♕ ♖xb6+ 54.♔a4 ♖b1=∞; 50.♘b7! ♗a7 (50...♗e3 51.♖d6! ♖xd6 52.♘xd6 f3 53.♘c4 ♗f4 54.♗xf3 ♔xf3 55.a6 ♗b8 56.b6 ♘d5 57.a7 ♗xa7 58.bxa7 ♘c7 59.♔b4 g5 60.♔c5 g4 61.♔c6 ♘a8 62.♘e5++-) 51.♖d6 ♖e3+! 52.♔b4 ♘e4 53.b6! ♗xb6 54.axb6 f3 55.♖d1 f2 56.♘c5 ♘xc5 57.♔xc5 ♖e1 58.b7 ♖xd1 59.b8=♕+ ♔g4 60.♗g2+-

50...♖e3! 51.♘e4+□ ♘xe4 52.♗xe4 f3 53.♔c4 ♖xd3 54.♗xd3 ♗e3= 55.b6 h5 56.♔b5 h4 57.a6 ♗xb6 1/2-1/2

149. * D12
Sargissian, Gabriel (2698) - Harikrishna, Penteala (2720)
Chennai (ol) 153/149, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.e3 ♗f5 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘h4 ♗e4 7.f3 ♗g6 8.♕b3 ♕b6 9.♘xg6 hxg6 10.♗d2 ♘bd7 11.O-O-O ♕xb3 12.axb3 ♗b4

12...♗d6 - 83/ (367)

13.♗e2N

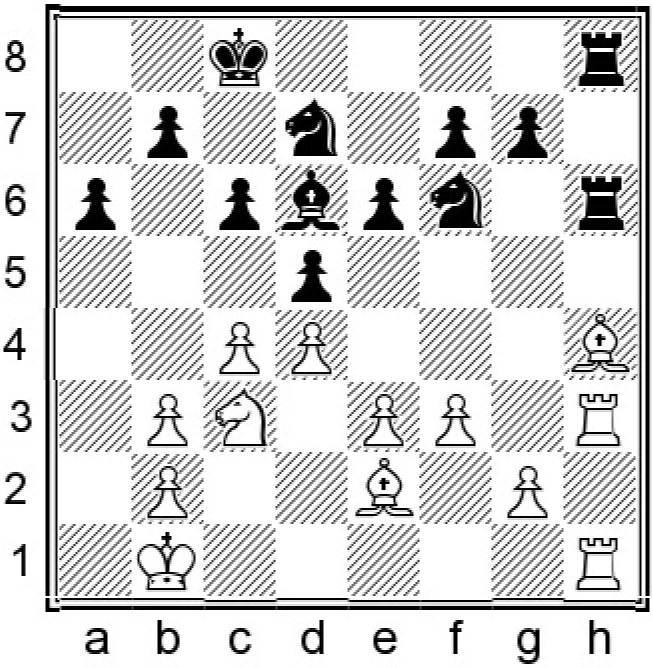
13.♔c2 - 153/(149) 13...O-O-O 14.♗d3 a6 15.♗e1N (15.h3) 15...♗d6 (15...c5! 16.cxd5 (16.♗f2 cxd4 17.exd4 ♘b8! 18.h4 ♘c6∞) 16...exd5 17.dxc5 ♗xc5 18.e4 dxe4 19.♘xe4 ♘xe4 20.♗xe4 ♘f6=) 16.h4 ♘e8 17.e4 ♘c7 18.♗f2 ♗e7 19.g4 a5 20.♗g3± Maghsoodloo,P (2716) -Harikrishna,P (2701) Praha 153/(149) 2022

13.♗d3

13...O-O-O 14.♔b1 a6 15.♗e1 ♗d6 16.h4 g5 17.♖h3

17.g4!?

17...gxh4 18.♗xh4 ♖h6 19.♖dh1 ♖dh8



20.♗f1! ♘f8 21.g4 ♘g6 22.♗f2 ♖xh3 23.♖xh3 ♖xh3 24.♗xh3 ♔d8 25.♔c2 c5 26.♘e2 cxd4 27.♘xd4 dxc4?!

27...♗c5 28.♔c3 ♘e7=

28.bxc4 ♘e5 29.g5 ♘fd7 30.♗f1 ♘c6 31.♘xc6+ bxc6 32.♗e1! c5 33.f4 g6?!

33...f6 34.gxf6 gxf6 35.♔d3 f5=

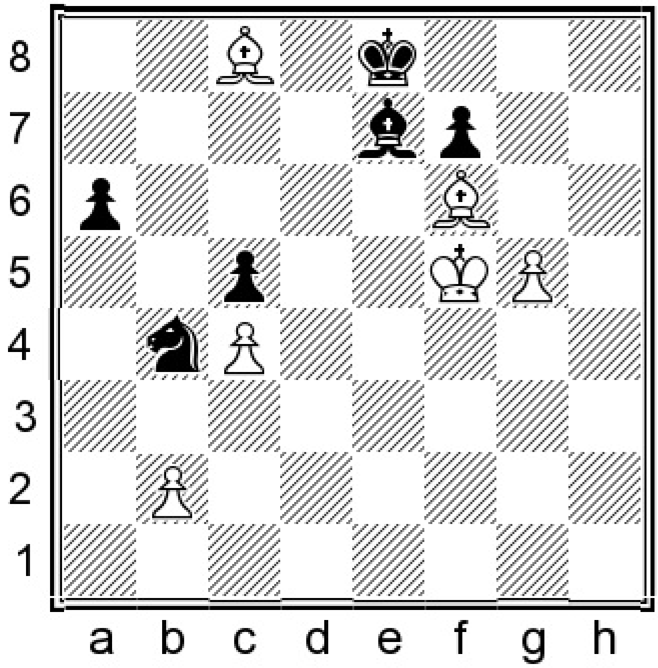
34.♗g2 ♘b8 35.♔d3 ♔d7 36.♗f3 ♘c6 37.♗d1 ♔c7 38.♗a4 ♔b6 39.♔e4 ♔c7 40.♗c3 ♔b6 41.♔f3 ♔c7 42.♗f6 ♔b6 43.♗g7 ♔c7 44.♔g4 e5?!

44...♔b6 45.e4 ♔b7±

45.♗f6 exf4 46.exf4 ♗f8 47.♔f3 ♗d6 48.♔e4 ♗f8 49.♗c3 ♔d6 50.♗f6 ♔c7 51.f5 gxf5+ 52.♔xf5 ♔d6 53.♔e4 ♘a5? 54.♗e5+ ♔e6 55.♗d1?

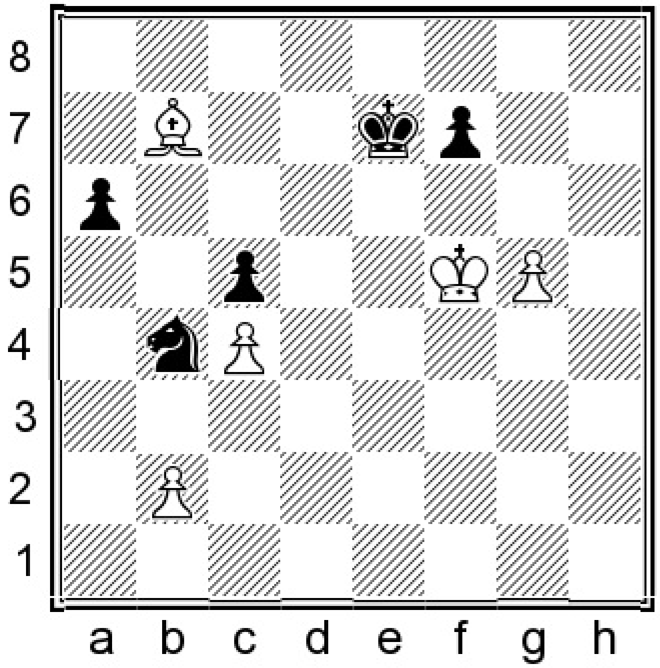
55.♗c3! ♘b7 56.♗d1 ♘d6+ 57.♔f4 ♔d7 58.b3+-

55...♘c6 56.♗g4+ ♔e7 57.♗c3 ♘b4 58.♗f6+ ♔e8 59.♗d1 ♔d7 60.♔f5 ♘c6 61.♗h5 ♔e8 62.♔e4 ♘b4 63.♗g4 ♘c6 64.♗c8 ♘b4 65.♔f5 ♗e7



66.♗c3?

66.♗b7! ♗f8 (66...♔f8 67.♗xe7+ ♔xe7

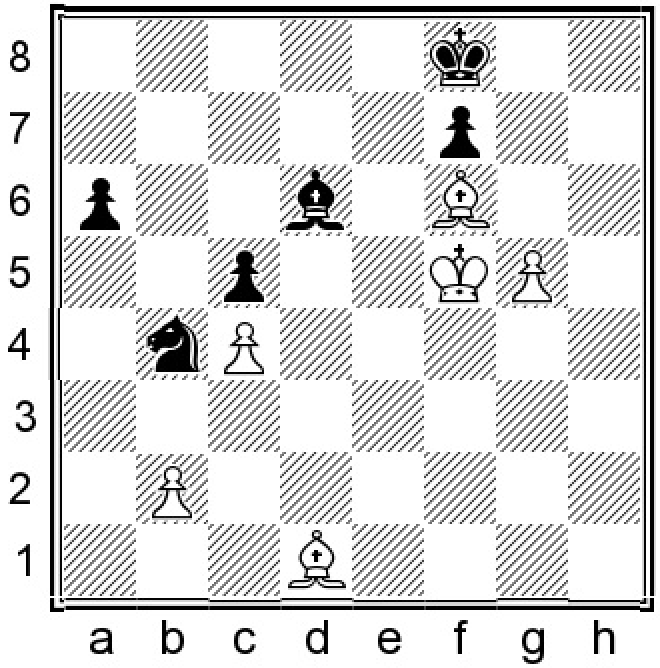


68.♗e4!! ♘a2 69.♔e5 ♘b4 70.♗f5 a5 71.♗e4 a4 72.♗f5+- Θ) 67.g6! fxg6+ 68.♔e6 ♗h6 69.♗e7 ♗f8 70.♗g5 ♗g7 71.♗e4 ♔f8 (71...♗xb2 72.♗e7 a5 73.♗xg6#) 72.♗e7+ ♔g8 73.♗xc5 ♘a2 74.♗a3+-

66...♔d8 67.♗b7 ♔c7 68.♗f3 ♔d7 69.♗h5 ♔e8 70.♗d1 ♔f8 71.♗a4 ♗d6 72.♗f6 ♔g8?

72...♗g3

73.♗d1 ♔f8



74.♗a4

74.g6! ♘c6 (74...fxg6+ 75.♔e6+-) 75.gxf7 ♔xf7 76.♗h5+ ♔g8 77.♔e6 ♗f8 78.♔d7 ♘b4 79.♗g6 ♗h6 80.♔d6 ♗e3 81.♗c3 ♘a2 82.♗a5+-

74...♔g8 75.g6? fxg6+ 76.♔xg6 ♔f8 77.♔f5 ♘d3

77...♗e7 78.♗c3 ♔f7=

78.♔e6! ♗g3 79.♗e7+ ♔g7 80.♗c2 ♘b4 81.♗e4 ♗f2 82.b3 ♗d4 83.♗d6 ♗e3 84.♗e5+ ♔f8 85.♔d7 ♔f7 86.♗f5

86.♗b1! ♗f2 87.♔d6 ♗e3 88.♗g3 ♗g1 89.♗e1 ♗e3 90.♗h4 ♗g1 91.♗d8 ♗e3 92.♗b6+-

86...♗f2 87.♔d6 ♗e3 88.♗e4 ♗f2 89.♔d7 ♗e3 90.♗d6?

90.♗b1! - 86.Bb1

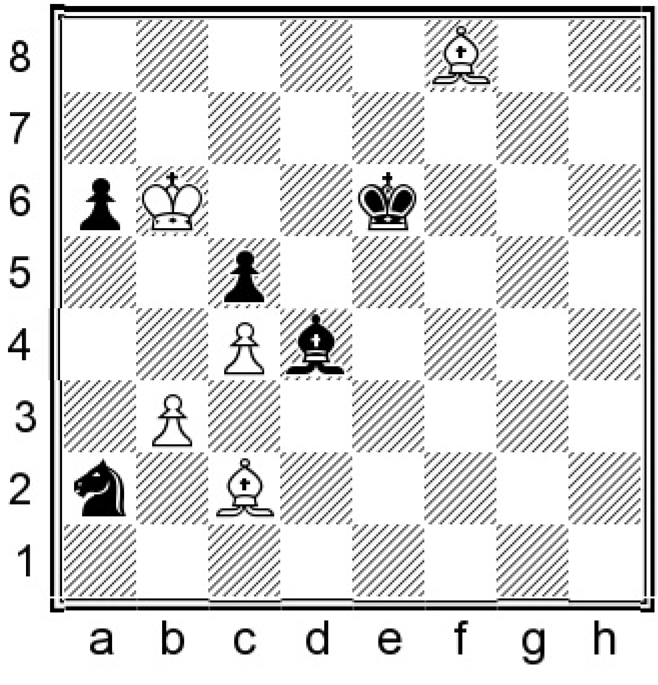
90...♔f6 91.♔c7 ♔e6 92.♗h7 ♘a2 93.♗e4 ♗d4

93...♘c1 94.♗c2 ♘e2=

94.♗f8 ♘c3 95.♗c2 ♘a2?!

95...♔f7 96.♗d6 ♔e6=

96.♔b6



96...♘b4??

96...a5!! 97.♔xa5 (97.♗xc5 ♗xc5+ 98.♔xc5 ♔e5!!= 99.♔b5 ♔d4 100.♔xa5 ♔c5) 97...♔f7 98.♗h6 ♔e7±

97.♗b1+- a5 98.♗xc5 ♗xc5+ 99.♔xc5 ♔d7 100.♔b6 ♔c8 101.♔xa5 ♘c6+ 102.♔b6 1-0

150. D15
Jankovic, Alojzije (2549) - Szuhanek, Ranko (2403)
chess.com (Int.-blitz) 153/150, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 a6 5.a4 e6 6.♗f4 a5 7.e3 ♗e7 8.h3

8.g4 - 124/119

8...O-ON

8...♘a6

9.♗d3 b6

9...♘a6 10.O-O ♘b4 11.♗e2 b6 12.♖c1 ♖e8 13.♘e5 h6 14.♗g3 ♗a6 15.cxd5 exd5 16.♗xa6 ♖xa6 17.f4 ♖a7∞

10.O-O

10.cxd5 exd5 11.O-O ♘a6 12.♘a2 ♗b7 13.♘h4 ♗d6 14.♖e1=

10...♘a6 11.♖c1

11.cxd5 exd5 12.♘a2 ♗b7 13.♖c1 c5 14.♗e2 ♘b4 15.♘c3=

11...♘b4 12.♗b1

12.♗e2 ♗a6 13.♘e5 ♖c8 14.♖e1 dxc4 15.♘xc4 c5 16.dxc5 ♖xc5 17.♘e5 ♗b7 18.♗f3 ♗a6 19.e4 ♕a8 20.♘b5 ♖d8 21.♕e2 ♗d6 22.♖xc5 ♗xc5⇄

12...♗a6

12...dxc4 13.♘e5 ♘fd5 14.♗h2 (14.♗g3 ♗a6 15.♘a2 ♗d6 16.♘xb4 ♘xb4 17.♘xc4 ♗xg3 18.fxg3 ♕c7∓) 14...♗a6 15.♘a2 b5 16.♘xb4 ♘xb4 17.♕h5 f5 18.e4 ♕e8 19.♕f3 ♗g5 20.♖c3 ♖d8∓

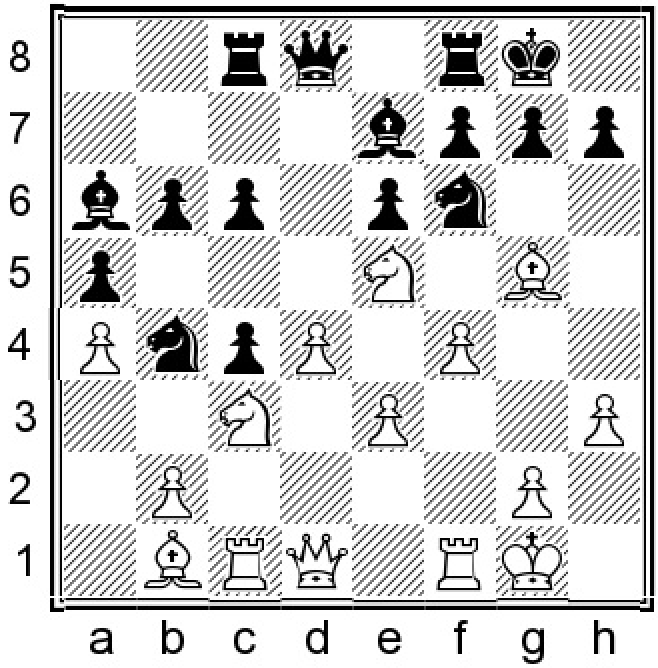
13.♘e5 dxc4 14.♗g5?

14.♕e2 ♘fd5 15.♗h2 b5 (15...♗d6 16.♘xc4 ♗xh2+ 17.♔xh2 ♖c8 18.♖fd1 f5 19.♘a2 ♕e7 20.♘xb4 ♘xb4 21.e4 ♕f6 22.♕f3 ♗xc4 23.♖xc4 ♖cd8=) 16.♖fd1 (16.♕h5 g6 17.♕f3 ♕e8 18.axb5 cxb5 19.♘xd5 exd5 20.♖fe1 ♗c8 21.e4 ♗e6 22.♗g3 ♕d8 23.♘g4 ♗g5∓) 16...♕e8 17.axb5 cxb5 18.e4 ♘b6 19.♕g4 ♖d8 20.♗f4 ♔h8 21.♘f3 ♕d7 22.♘e5 ♕e8 (22...♕b7 23.d5 f6 (23...exd5 24.exd5 ♘4xd5 25.♕h5 ♘f6 26.♕h4 ♘e4 27.♘xf7+ ♔g8 28.♘g5 ♗xg5 29.♗xg5 ♖xd1+ 30.♖xd1 ♘xg5 31.♕xg5 ♕c6 32.♖d8 ♕f6 33.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 34.♕c5+ ♔g8 35.♕c7±) 24.d6! fxe5 25.dxe7 ♖xd1+ 26.♖xd1 ♕xe7 27.♗xe5 ♘d3 28.♕g3 ♘xe5 29.♕xe5 ♔g8 30.♗c2 h6 (30...♘d7 31.♕c7 ♗c8 32.♘xb5 ♕f6 33.f4 ♕xb2 34.♕xc4 ♘b6 35.♕c5 ♘d7 36.♕c6 ♘b8 37.♕c4 ♕b4 38.♕xb4 axb4 39.♖d6 ♖xf4 40.♖b6 ♘d7 41.♖xe6 ♖f6 42.♖e8+ ♖f8 43.♖e7±) 31.♕d4 ♘c8 32.e5⯹) 23.♘f3=

14...♖c8?!

14...♘d7! 15.♗xe7 ♕xe7 16.♘xd7 ♕xd7 17.♘e4 ♕d5∓

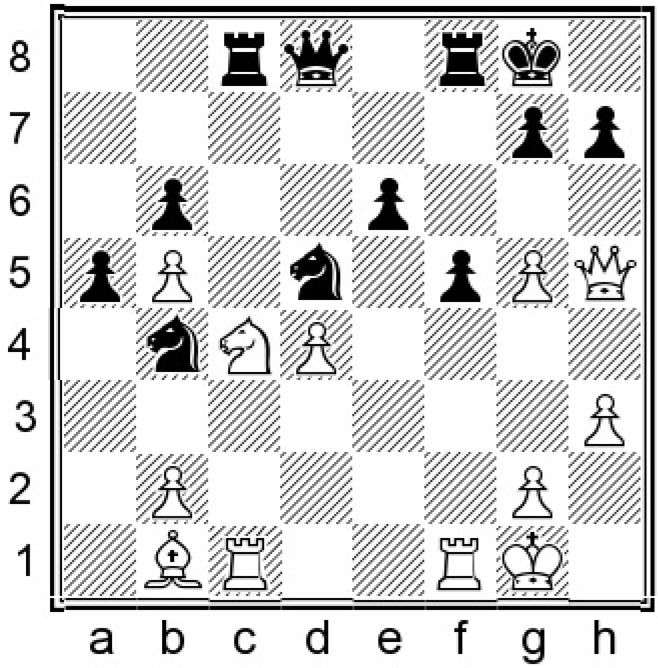
15.f4!?



15.♕e2 ♘e8! (15...♘fd5 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♘xc4 ♖fd8 18.♖fd1 c5 19.♘b5 ♗xb5 20.axb5 cxd4 21.♖xd4 g6 22.♕f3 ♖d7∓) 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♘xc4 ♘d6 18.b3 c5 19.♖fd1 g6 20.dxc5 ♘xc4 21.bxc4 ♖xc5 22.♘e4 ♖c7∓

15...c5!∓ 16.f5?!

16.♘b5 ♗xb5 17.axb5 cxd4 18.exd4 ♘fd5 19.♕h5 f5 20.♘xc4 ♗xg5 21.fxg5



21...♘c7! (21...♖xc4 22.♖xc4 ♘e3 23.♕e2 ♕d5 24.♕xe3 ♕xc4 25.d5 ♕xd5 26.♕xb6⇄) 22.♖f4 g6 23.♕e2 ♕xg5 24.♖ff1 ♕e7 25.♘xb6 ♖b8 26.♕e5 ♘xb5 27.♕xb5 ♕d6 28.♖fd1 ♕xb6∓

16...cxd4 17.exd4 ♘d3 18.♘xd3

18.♗e3 ♘xc1 19.♗xc1 ♖c7 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.♗g5 ♕e8-+

18...cxd3 19.fxe6

19.♗e3 d2 20.♕xd2 ♗xf1 21.♖xf1 ♘d5-+

19...♕xd4+ 20.♔h1 fxe6 21.♗a2 ♔h8! 22.♗xe6 ♖c5

22...♖ce8 23.♗f5 g6-+

23.♗d2

23.♗xf6 ♗xf6 24.♕d2 ♖e5 25.♗f5 ♕d8!-+

23...♘h5?

23...♗d6! 24.♗g4 ♖c4 25.♖f5 g6 26.♖g5 ♘xg4 27.♖xg4 ♕e5-+

24.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 25.♕e1??

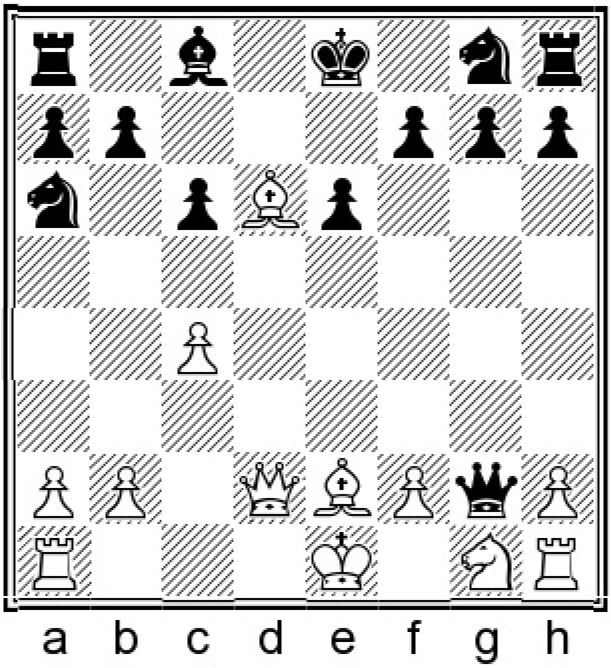
25.♕f3! ♕f6 26.♗d5 ♕xf3 27.♗xf3 ♘g3+ 28.♔g1 ♗d6 29.♔f2 ♗e5∓

25...♖e5-+ 26.♘b5?! ♖xe1+ 27.♗xe1 ♗xb5 28.♖c8 ♕d6 29.axb5 h6 30.♗f5 g6 31.♗c3+ ♔h7 32.♗e4 ♘g3+ 33.♔g1 ♘xe4 0-1

D25-D49

151. D31
Navara, David (2681) - Anton Guijarro, David (2692)
Praha 153/151, 2022

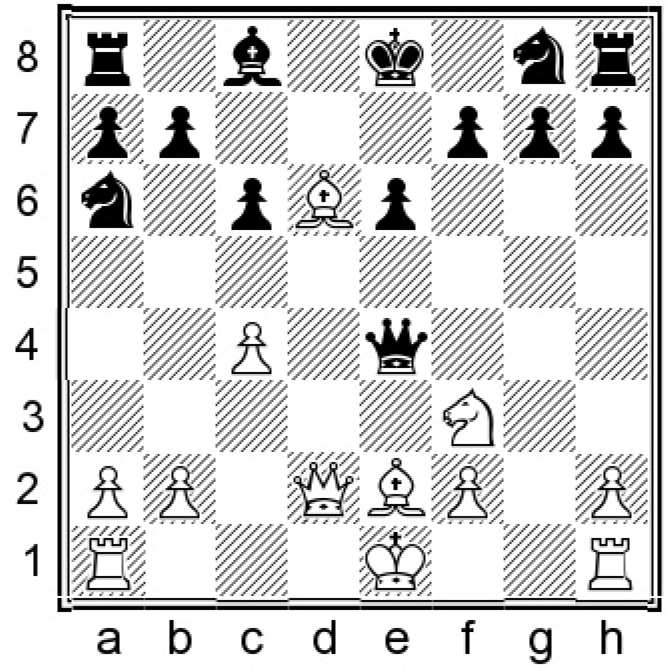
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.♘xe4 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 ♕xd4 7.♗xb4 ♕xe4+ 8.♗e2 ♘a6 9.♗d6 ♕xg2 10.♕d2



10...♕e4!?N

10...♘f6 11.♗f3 ♕g6 12.♘e2 (12.O-O-O e5 13.♗xe5 ♗e6 14.♘e2 ♕f5! 15.♗f4↑) 12...e5 13.O-O-O ♗g4 14.♗xg4 ♘xg4 15.f3 (15.♗a3 ♕e6 16.♘f4 exf4 17.♖he1 ♘e3! 18.fxe3 f3 19.♖g1!=∞) 15...♘f2 16.♗xe5 ♘xd1 17.♖xd1 ♘c5= 18.b4 (18.♘f4 ♕g5! 19.♕d6 ♘e6!? (RR19...♕e7 20.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 21.♗d6+ ♔f6 22.♗xc5± - 101/(318)) 20.♕d7+ ♔f8 21.♗b8! ♘xf4 (21...♖xb8 22.♕d6+ ♔e8) 22.♕c8+ ♔e7 23.♕d7+ ♔f8 (23...♔f6 24.♕d4+ ♔g6 25.♗xf4=∞) 24.♕c8+=; 18.♕d4 ♕g5+! 19.♘f4 (19.f4 ♕e7 20.♗d6 ♖d8= (20...♘e6=)) 19...O-O) 18...♕f5 19.♗xg7 ♖g8 20.♗c3 ♘e6 21.♕d7+ ♔f8 22.♕d6+ ♔e8=; 10...e5!? 11.♗xe5 (11.♗f3 ♕g6 12.O-O-O) 11...♗f5 12.♗f3 ♕g6 13.O-O-O ♘c5 14.♕e3 ♗b1 15.♖d2 ♗xa2 16.♗d6+ ♘e6 17.♗e4 ♕h6 18.f4∞

11.♘f3



11.♖d1!? e5! (11...♕xh1?! 12.♕g5! ♘f6 13.♗e5!! ♘d7 14.♖d4! ♕xg1+ 15.♕xg1 ♘xe5 16.♕g5!? ♘d7 17.♕xg7 ♖f8 18.♗h5→) 12.♗xe5 f6 13.♕d8+ ♔f7 14.♗d6 ♕e8! 15.♕xe8+ ♔xe8 16.b4 ♘h6 17.b5 ♘b8 18.♘f3 ♘f5∞

11...e5! 12.♖g1

12.♗f8!? ♘e7□ 13.♗xe7 (13.♗xg7!? ♖g8∞ 14.♖d1 ♗e6 15.♗xe5↑) 13...♔xe7 14.♕g5+ ♔e8 15.♕xg7 ♖f8 16.♖g1!↑

12...g6?

12...♗g4! 13.♖xg4 (13.♗xe5?! f6 (13...♗xf3? 14.♗xg7 ♖d8 15.♕e3+-) 14.h3 (14.♖xg4!? ♕xg4 15.O-O-O fxe5 16.♘xe5≅) 14...♗xf3 15.O-O-O ♘c5 16.♗xf3 ♕xf3 17.♕d6 ♘e7 18.♖xg7 ♘f5 19.♕c7 ♘xg7 20.♗d6! ♕xd1+! 21.♔xd1 ♘d7 22.♕xb7 ♖d8 23.♕xc6≅) 13...♕xg4 14.♘xe5! ♕h4!∞ (14...♕e6?! 15.c5! ♖d8 16.♗c4 ♕xe5+ 17.♗xe5 ♖xd2 18.♔xd2±) 15.♗g4! (15.O-O-O ♖d8 (15...♘e7) 16.♗f3 ♖xd6! 17.♕xd6 ♕h6+) 15...♖d8□ 16.♖d1! (16.O-O-O?! ♕h6! 17.♗d7+ ♖xd7 18.♘xd7 ♕xd2+ 19.♖xd2 ♘e7∞) 16...♘e7 (16...♘f6!? 17.♕e2 ♖xd6 18.♘xc6+ ♘e4! 19.♕xe4+?? ♖e6! 20.♖d8+ ♕xd8 21.♗xe6 bxc6-+) 17.♗xe7! ♔xe7! 18.♕e3! ♔f8! (18...♖xd1+? 19.♔xd1+-) 19.♖d7!? ♖e8! 20.♖xf7+ (20.♕f4 f6 21.♗e6! ♕xf4 22.♖f7+ ♔g8 23.♖e7+ ♔f8=) 20...♔g8 21.♖xb7 ♘c5 22.♕xc5 ♕xg4 23.♕e7! ♕e4+! 24.♔f1 ♕h1+ 25.♔e2 ♕e4+= 26.♔d2? ♕f4+ 27.♔c3 ♖xe7 28.♖b8+ ♕f8-+

13.♘g5?!

13.♗xe5 f6 14.♗c3 ♗g4 15.♖xg4 ♕xg4 16.O-O-O±

13...♕f4

13...♕d4 14.♕xd4 exd4 15.O-O-O± f6 16.c5 fxg5 17.♖de1!

14.♕xf4 exf4 15.♗xf4?

15.O-O-O! h6 (15...f6? 16.c5! fxg5 17.♗c4! Δ Rge1) 16.♘e4 ♗f5 17.♗e5 ♗xe4 18.♗xh8 ♘c5 19.♖ge1 ♘e7 20.♗e5± ♘e6 21.♗g4 ♗f5 22.♗xf5 ♘xf5 23.♗xf4

15...♗f5 16.♖g3

16.O-O-O↑

16...h6?

16...♘e7 17.♖e3 ♘b4! 18.♖c1 ♖d8 19.a3 (19.♗e5 O-O 20.♗f6 ♘xa2!) 19...♘d3+ 20.♗xd3 ♖xd3 21.♖xd3 ♗xd3 22.♖c3 ♗f5 23.♗e5 O-O!=

17.♖e3+ ♔f8 18.♗d6+?

18.♗e5 ♘b4 19.O-O-O! ♘xa2+ 20.♔d2 f6 21.♗d6+ ♔g7 22.♘f3 ♖d8 23.c5±; 18.♘f3! ♖d8 19.♖d1! ♖xd1+ 20.♔xd1±

18...♔g7 19.♘f3 ♘f6

19...♖d8!? 20.♖d1 ♘f6 21.♘d4 ♗c8 22.♗e5 ♖he8=

20.♘d4

20.♗e5 ♖ae8! (20...♘b4?! 21.♘d4 ♘c2+ 22.♘xc2 ♗xc2 23.♖c1 ♗f5 24.♖d1 ♖hd8?! 25.h4! ♖xd1+ 26.♗xd1±) 21.♘d4 (21.♖d1 ♘c5=) 21...♗c8 22.♖d1 ♘c5=

20...♘e4 21.♘xf5+?!

21.♗e5+! f6 22.♗f4! ♖he8 23.♘xf5+ gxf5=

21...gxf5 22.♗e5+ f6 23.♗f4 ♖ad8!∓ 24.f3?!

24.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 25.♗xd1 ♖d8 26.♗e2 ♘b4 27.♔f1 ♘xa2 28.♖a3 ♘b4 29.♖xa7⇄

24...♘g5?!

24...♘ec5!∓

25.♖e7+

25.♖d1⩱

25...♔g6 26.h4

26.♖d1 ♖he8! 27.♖xd8 ♖xe7∓

26...♖h7?

26...♘b4!? 27.♔f1 ♘h3 28.♗h2 ♖he8 29.♖xe8 ♖xe8 30.♖c1!∞; 26...♘h3! 27.♗e3! (27.♗d2? ♖he8 28.♖xe8 ♖xe8 29.♔f1 ♘c5 30.♖e1 ♔h5 31.f4+? ♔xh4-+) 27...♘b4 28.♖c1 ♘xa2?! 29.f4! h5 (29...♘xc1?? 30.h5#) 30.♖d1 ♘b4 31.♖c1=

27.♖xh7 ♘xh7 28.♔f2 ♘f8 29.♖g1+

29.h5+?! ♔xh5 30.♗e3∓ (30.♖g1?! ♘e6 31.♗e5 (Δ f4) (31.♗c7 ♖d2! 32.♗a5 ♖xb2! 33.f4+ ♖xe2+ 34.♔xe2 ♘xf4+∓) 31...♘g5! (31...fxe5?? 32.f4+) 32.f4+ ♔g6 33.♗c3 ♘c5! 34.fxg5 ♘e4+ 35.♔e3 fxg5∓)

29...♔h7 30.♗e3

30.h5=∞

30...♘e6?!

30...b6=

31.♗xa7 ♘b4

31...♖d2? 32.♔e3! ♖xb2 33.♗d3±; 31...♘ac5!?± 32.♖d1 ♖a8! 33.♗xc5 ♘xc5

32.a3 ♘d3+ 33.♗xd3 ♖xd3 34.♖e1 ♘g7?!

34...♖d6! 35.h5!? (35.♗b8 ♖d2+ 36.♖e2 ♖xe2+ 37.♔xe2 ♔g6 38.b4 b5!) 35...♖d2+ 36.♖e2 ♖xe2+ 37.♔xe2 ♘f4+ 38.♔e3 ♘xh5 39.a4! ♔g6 40.a5 ♔f7! 41.♔d4 ♘f4 42.♔c5 h5! 43.♔b6 ♘e2 44.♔xb7 h4 45.a6 h3 46.♗c5 h2 47.a7 h1=♕ 48.a8=♕ ♕xf3 49.♕f8+ ♔g6 50.♕e8+ ♔g5 51.b4!±

35.♖e7?⊕

35.♔e2! ♖d7 (35...♖b3?! 36.♗d4 ♘e6?! 37.♗c3+-) 36.♖d1! ♖e7+ 37.♔f2±

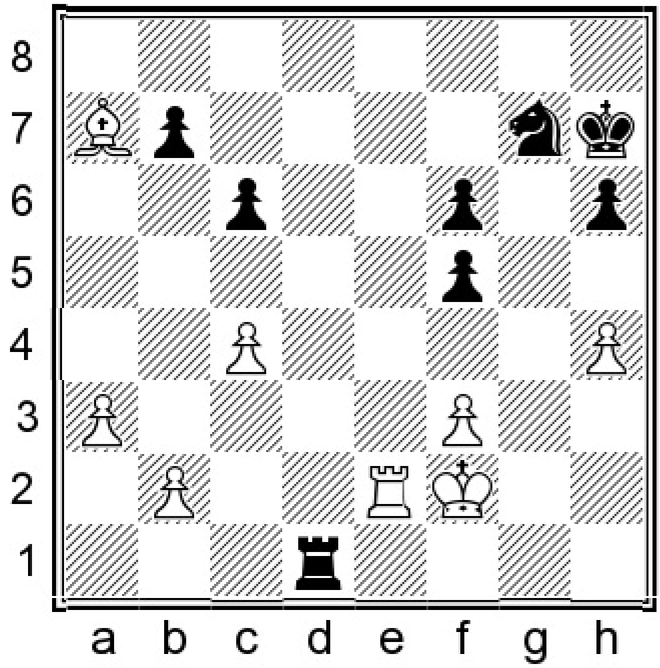
35...♖d2+ 36.♖e2 ♖d1?!

36...♖d3!=

37.♖e7?!

37.b4!

37...♖d2+ 38.♖e2 ♖d1?!



38...♖d3!=

39.b4! ♔g6

39...b5! 40.♖e7 ♖c1!? 41.cxb5 cxb5 42.♖b7 ♖a1 43.♗d4 ♖a2+! 44.♔e1 ♔g6 45.♖xb5 ♖xa3 46.♖b6 ♘e8±

40.♖e7 ♖d2+ 41.♔e1 ♖a2?!

41...♖d3! 42.a4! ♖xf3 43.a5 ♖a3 44.♖xb7 f4 45.♖c7! ♘f5 46.♖xc6 ♘xh4±

42.♖xb7?

42.b5! cxb5 43.cxb5 ♖xa3 (43...♖a1+!? 44.♔d2 ♖a2+ 45.♔d1!! ♖xa3 46.b6! ♖xf3 47.h5+! ♘xh5 48.♖xb7 ♘f4! 49.♖c7!+-) 44.b6! ♖xf3 45.h5+! ♘xh5 46.♖xb7 ♘g3 47.♖c7!+-

42...♖xa3 43.b5 cxb5 44.cxb5 f4?

44...♘e6! 45.♖e7 ♔h5!? (45...♘f4 46.b6 ♘d5 47.♖d7 ♘xb6 48.♗xb6 ♖xf3 49.♔e2 (49.♖d4 ♔h5! (49...f4? 50.♖d5!±) 50.♗d8 f4 51.♗xf6 ♔g4=∞) 49...♖a3±) 46.♔d2± (46.b6 ♘d8! 47.b7 ♘c6 48.♗f2 ♖b3 49.♖e6 ♘d8 50.♖xf6 ♘xb7 51.♖xf5+ ♔g6=)

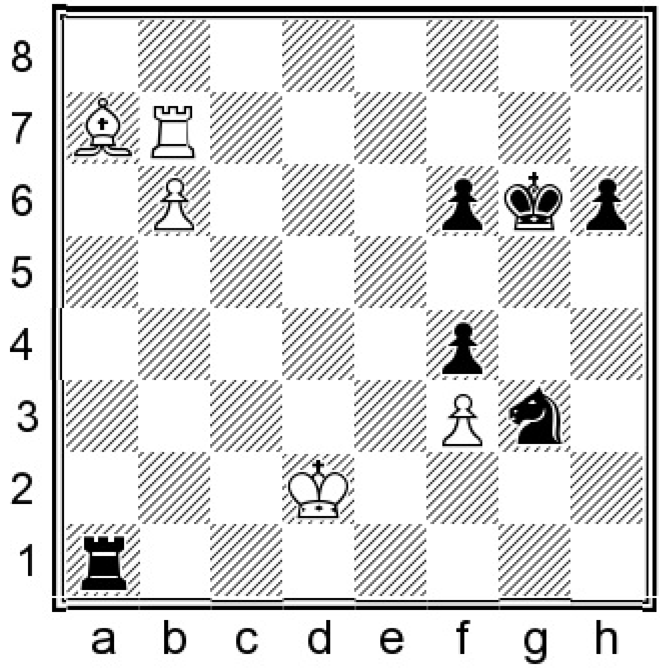
45.h5+!?

45.b6 ♘e6 46.♖d7 ♘c5?! 47.h5+! ♔xh5 48.♖d5++-

45...♘xh5 46.b6+- ♖a1+

46...♖e3+ 47.♔d2+- (47.♔f2? ♘g3 48.♖c7 ♖e2+ 49.♔g1 ♖e1+ 50.♔g2 ♖e2+= 51.♔h3? ♘f1 52.b7 ♖h2+ 53.♔g4 h5+ 54.♔xf4 ♖h4#)

47.♔d2 ♘g3



48.♖c7! ♘f1+ 49.♔d3 ♘e3 50.b7 1-0

152. D37
Gormally, Daniel (2466) - Pert, Richard G (2411)
Great Britain (ch) 153/152, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 a6 5.a4

5.cxd5 exd5 6.♗g5 ♗e6 - 148/ 135

5...c5

5...dxc4 6.e3 c5 7.♗xc4 - D 27

6.cxd5 exd5

6...cxd4! 7.♘xd4 ♘xd5 8.♗d2 ♘b4∓

7.♗g5 ♗e6

7...cxd4

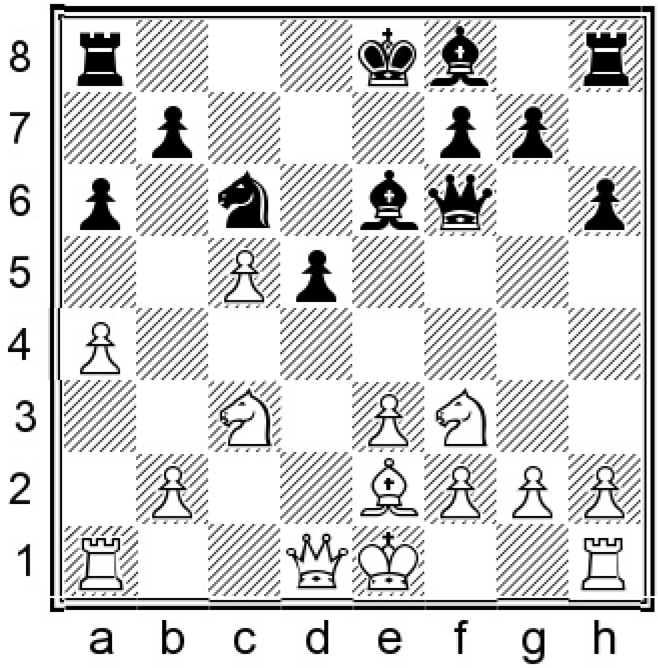
8.e3 ♘c6 9.♗e2 h6N

9...cxd4

10.♗xf6?!

10.♗h4=

10...♕xf6 11.dxc5



11...♗xc5?

11...♖d8! 12.♘d4 ♗xc5 13.♘xe6 ♕xe6 (13...fxe6 14.O-O O-O∞) 14.O-O (14.♗g4 f5 15.♗h5+ g6 16.♗e2 f4! (16...d4 17.exd4 ♖xd4∓) 17.exf4 d4-+) 14...d4 15.exd4 ♖xd4↑

12.♘xd5 ♗xd5 13.♕xd5 ♗b4+ 14.♔f1 O-O

14...♕xb2 15.♕e4+ ♔f8 16.♖b1+-

15.♕b3 ♖fc8 16.g3 ♗f8 17.♔g2 ♘a5 18.♕d5

18.♕a2! ♖c2 19.♘d4 ♖xe2 (19...♖d2 20.♖ad1+-) 20.♘xe2 ♕c6+ 21.♔g1 ♖d8 22.♘d4 ♕e4 23.♕b1!+-

18...♕xb2 19.♗d3

19.♘e5! ♕xe2 20.♕xf7+ ♔h8 21.♖a2! ♖c2 22.♖xc2 ♕xc2 23.♘g6+ ♔h7 24.♘xf8+ ♔h8 25.♕g6 ♕xg6 26.♘xg6++-

19...♖c5 20.♕e4 g6 21.h4± h5 22.♖ab1?!

22.g4 ♖d8 23.gxh5 ♖xh5 24.♘g5±; 22.♖ad1±

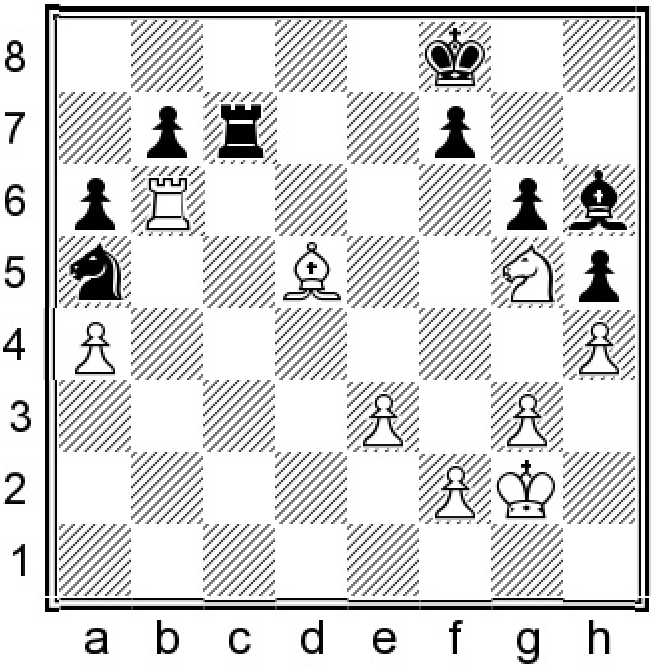
22...♕f6 23.♖hc1 ♖ac8 24.♖xc5 ♖xc5 25.♘g5 ♕c6?

25...♗e7!=

26.♕xc6 ♖xc6 27.♗e4 ♖c7 28.♗d5 ♗h6?

28...♖d7 29.e4 ♔g7±

29.♖b6! ♔f8



29...♔g7 30.e4 (30.♘e4+-) 30...♗xg5 31.hxg5 ♘c6 32.f4 (32.♗xc6? bxc6 (32...♖xc6? 33.♖xc6 (33.♖xb7? ♖c4=) 33...bxc6 34.e5+-) 33.♖xa6 c5=) 32...♔f8 33.♔f3 ♘d4+ 34.♔e3 ♘c6 35.♔d3+-

30.♘e4?!

30.♘xf7! ♖xf7 31.♖xg6 ♖h7 32.♖f6+ ♔e7 33.♖f5+-

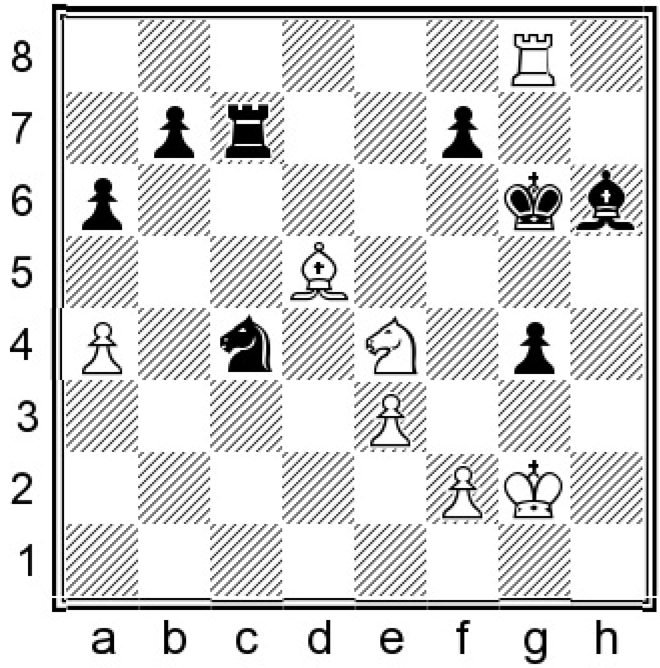
30...♖d7 31.♖d6?!

31.♘f6 ♖c7 32.♘xh5 ♗xe3 33.fxe3 gxh5 34.♔f3+-

31...♖c7 32.g4 hxg4 33.h5!? ♘c4! 34.♖d8+

34.♗xc4 ♖xc4=

34...♔g7 35.hxg6 ♔xg6 36.♖g8+



36...♗g7

36...♔f5! 37.♗xc4 ♔xe4 38.♖xg4+=

37.♗xc4 ♖xc4 38.♘d6 ♖xa4 39.♘e8 ♔h6

39...♔f5 40.♖xg7 ♔e6 41.♘c7+ ♔e7 42.♘d5+ ♔e6 43.♘f4+ ♔e7 44.♘e2+-

40.♖xg7 ♖e4 41.♖g8 ♖e6 42.♘c7 ♖c6 43.♘d5 f5 44.♘e7 ♖c5 45.♖g6+ ♔h5 46.♖b6 ♔g5 47.♔g3 a5 48.♖xb7

48.♖g6+ ♔h5 49.♔f4 ♖c4+ 50.♔xf5 ♖c2 51.♖g5++-

48...♔f6 49.♖a7 ♔e6

49...a4 50.♘xf5 (50.♘g8+ ♔e6 51.♖xa4+-) 50...♖xf5 51.♖xa4 ♖f3+ 52.♔xg4 ♖xf2 53.♖f4+ ♖xf4+ 54.♔xf4 ♔e6 55.♔e4+-

50.♘g6 ♖b5 51.♘f4+ ♔d6 52.♘e2 ♔e5 53.♘d4 f4+ 54.♔xg4 ♖d5 55.♔f3 1-0

153. * D38
Gukesh, Dommaraju (2699) - Sanal, Vahap (2570)
Turkiye 153/153, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 ♗b4 5.♕a4+ ♘c6 6.e3 O-O 7.♗d2 ♖e8 8.a3 ♗f8 9.h3

9.♖d1 - 85/369

9...h6

9...a6 10.♖d1 ♘e7N (10...♗d7) 11.♕c2 b6 12.♗e2 ♗b7 13.O-O (13.c5 bxc5 14.dxc5 ♘g6 15.b4 e5 16.O-O h6 17.♗c1 ♕e7∞) 13...♘g6 (13...dxc4!? 14.♗xc4 c5 15.dxc5 ♕c7 16.♗e2 ♕xc5=) 14.♘e5 c5

15.♘xg6 hxg6 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.♗f3 ♘d7 18.cxd5 ♘e5 19.♗e4 f5 20.f4 fxe4 21.fxe5 exd5 22.♗e1 ♖xe5 23.♗g3 ♖e6 24.♘xd5 ♗xd5 25.♕d2 c4?! (25...♗e7 26.♕xd5 ♕xd5 27.♖xd5 ♖b6 28.♗e5 ♖d8 29.♖xd8+ ♗xd8=) 26.♕xd5 ♕xd5 27.♖xd5 c3 28.bxc3 ♗xa3 29.♗e5 ♗e7 30.♖a1 ♖c8 31.♗d4± Nihal,S (2651)-Aronian,L (2775) Chennai (ol) 153/(153) 2022

10.♖d1 a6 11.♗c1N

11.♕c2

11...♖b8

⌓11...♘e7 12.♘e5 (12.♕c2 b6 13.b3 ♗b7 14.♗d3 c5 15.dxc5 bxc5∞) 12...dxc4 13.♗xc4 ♘ed5 14.O-O c5! 15.♗d3 (15.dxc5 ♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♕c7∓) 15...♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♕c7∞

12.♕c2 ♗d6?!

12...♘e7 13.♗d3 dxc4 14.♗xc4 b5 15.♗e2 ♗b7 16.e4±

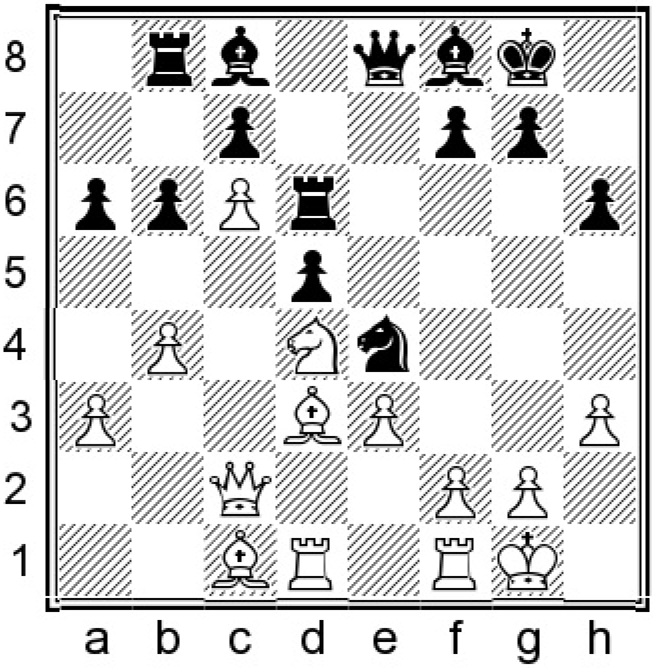
13.c5 ♗f8 14.b4 e5 15.dxe5 ♘xe5 16.♘xe5 ♖xe5 17.♗d3! b6

17...d4? 18.O-O+-

18.c6 ♖e6 19.♘e2± ♕e8 20.♘d4 ♖d6

20...♖e5 21.O-O ♘e4 22.♕b3±

21.O-O ♘e4



22.♗b2

22.f3! ♘g5 23.♗b2! ♕xe3+ (23...♔h8 24.♕f2±) 24.♔h2 ♕e8 (24...♕f4+ 25.g3 ♕f6 26.h4 ♘e6 27.♘f5+-) 25.♖de1 ♕d8 (25...♘e6 26.♘f5 ♖d8 27.♘xh6+!+-) 26.f4 ♘e4 27.♗xe4 dxe4 28.♖xe4±

22...h5

22...♖g6 23.♔h2 b5 24.f3 ♕e5+ 25.f4 ♕e8 26.g4±

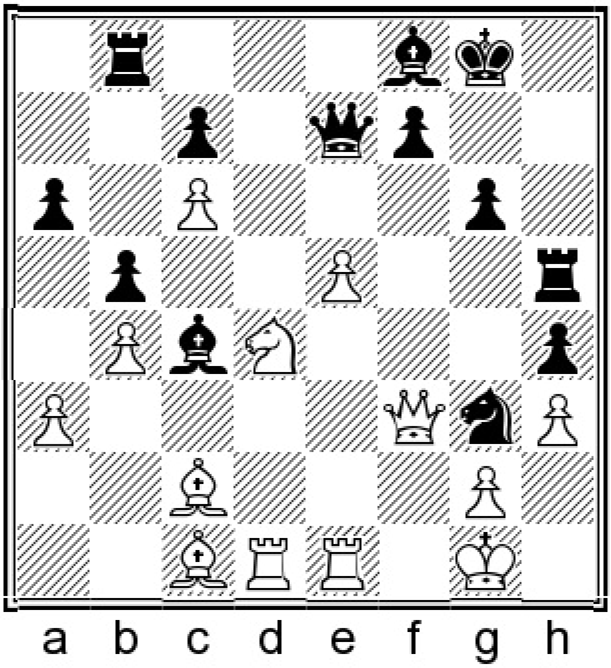
23.♖c1

23.f3 ♘g3 24.♖fe1±

23...b5

⌓23...♖g6 24.♔h2 ♗d6+ 25.f4 h4 26.♘f3±

24.f3 ♘g3 25.♖fe1 ♕d8 26.♕f2 h4 27.e4! dxe4 28.fxe4 ♖h6 29.♖cd1 ♕e8 30.♕f4 ♕e7 31.♗c1 ♖h5 32.e5 ♗e6 33.♕f3 g6 34.♗c2 ♗c4



35.e6! ♗g7

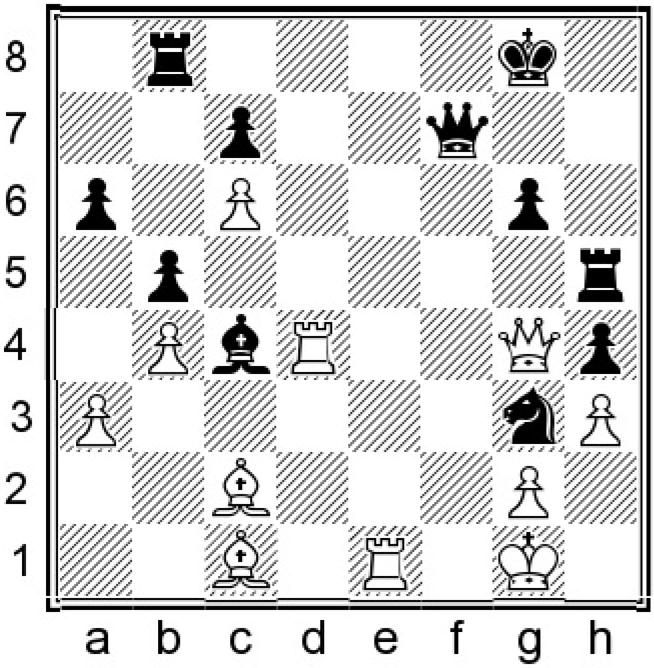
35...f5 36.♘xf5! ♖xf5 (36...♘xf5 37.♖d7 ♕f6 38.e7 ♗xe7 39.♖exe7+-) 37.♗xf5 ♘xf5 38.♖d7 ♕e8 39.♕e4 ♗e7 40.♗b2+-

36.exf7+ ♕xf7 37.♕g4?!

37.♕xf7+ ♗xf7 (37...♔xf7 38.♘f3+-) 38.♘f3 ♖d5 39.♗g5 ♘f5 40.♖xd5 ♗xd5 41.♘xh4 ♘xh4 42.♗xh4 ♗xc6 43.♗xg6+-

37...♖f8?

37...♗xd4+! 38.♖xd4



(38.♕xd4 ♘e2+ 39.♖xe2 ♗xe2 40.♖e1 ♖e8 41.♗b2 ♔f8!∞) 38...♖e5! 39.♖ed1 ♘e2+ 40.♔h2 ♘xd4 41.♖xd4 ♖e6∞

38.♘f3+- ♘e2+ 39.♔h2

39.♖xe2 ♗xe2 40.♗xg6

39...♕e7 40.♗xg6 ♗e5+ 41.♔h1 1-0

154. * D38**
Gukesh, Dommaraju (2684) - Sargissian, Gabriel (2698)
Chennai (ol) 153/154, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.♕a4+ ♘c6 6.e3 O-O 7.♗d2 dxc4 8.♗xc4 ♗d6 9.♕c2 e5 10.dxe5 ♘xe5 11.♗e2

11.♘xe5 ♗xe5 12.O-O c6 (12...b6 13.f4 ♗d6 (13...♗xc3 - 145/126) 14.h3 - 153/(154) (14.♗e2N ♗b7 15.♗f3 ♗xf3 16.♖xf3 ♕d7 17.e4 ♖ad8! 18.♗e1 ♗b4 19.e5 ♘d5 20.♘xd5 ♕xd5 21.♗xb4 ♕d4+ 22.♖f2 ♕xb4 23.♕xc7 ♖d2 24.♕c3 ♕xc3 25.bxc3 ♖d3 26.♖c1 ♖c8 27.♖fc2 ♖c4 28.g3 h6⯹ Gukesh,D (2684)-Le,Q (2722) Biel (rapid) 153/(154) 2022) 14...♗b7N (14...♗c5) 15.♖ae1 ♖e8 16.♗d3 ♕d7 17.♗b5 c6 18.♗d3 ♖ad8 (18...♗c5 19.♗c1 ♖ad8 20.♖d1 ♕c7 21.♘e4 ♘xe4 22.♗xe4 g6=) 19.♘e4 ♗e7 20.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 21.♗xh7+ ♔h8 22.♗c3 ♗xc3 23.♗f5 ♕d5 24.bxc3 ♗a6 25.♖d1 ♕c5 26.♖xd8 (26.♕f2 ♔g8 27.♕h4 ♖d5 28.♖xd5 cxd5 29.♕h7+ ♔f8 30.♕h8+ ♔e7 31.♕xg7 ♕xe3+ 32.♖f2 ♕e1+ 33.♔h2 ♕xf2 34.♕e5+= ♔f8 35.♕h8+ ♔e7 36.♕e5+=) 26...♕xe3+ 27.♔h2 ♖xd8 28.♖f3 ♕e2 29.♕xe2 ♗xe2 30.♖e3 ♗c4 31.♖e7 a5= Keymer,V (2655)-Caruana,F (2781) Deutschland 153/(154) 2022) 13.h3 ♗c7 14.♖ad1N (14.♘e2) 14...♕e7 15.♗d3 ♗e6 16.♘e2 ♖ad8 17.♗c3 h6 18.♘d4 ♗c8 19.♗f5 ♕e5 20.g3 ♗xf5 21.♘xf5 ♕e6= 22.g4 ♗e5 23.♘d4 ♗xd4 24.♖xd4 ♖xd4 25.♗xd4 ♘xg4 26.hxg4 ♕xg4+ 27.♔h2 ♕h4+ 28.♔g2 ♕g4+ 29.♔h2 ♕h4+ 1/2 (29) Bjerre,J (2601)-Bluebaum,M (2642) Deutschland 153/(154) 2022

11...♘xf3+?!N

11...♕e7; 11...c6 12.O-O-O ♕e7 13.♘d4 ♖d8 14.h3 ♗b4∞

12.gxf3 a6 13.O-O-O b5 14.♖hg1 b4?!

RR14...♗b7 15.e4 (15.♘e4?! ♘xe4 16.fxe4 ♕e7 17.♗d3 ♖fe8 18.f3 g6∓) 15...♕e7 16.♗g5 ♕e6 17.♔b1 ♖fe8∞

15.♘e4 ♘xe4 16.fxe4 ♕e7 17.f4 a5?!

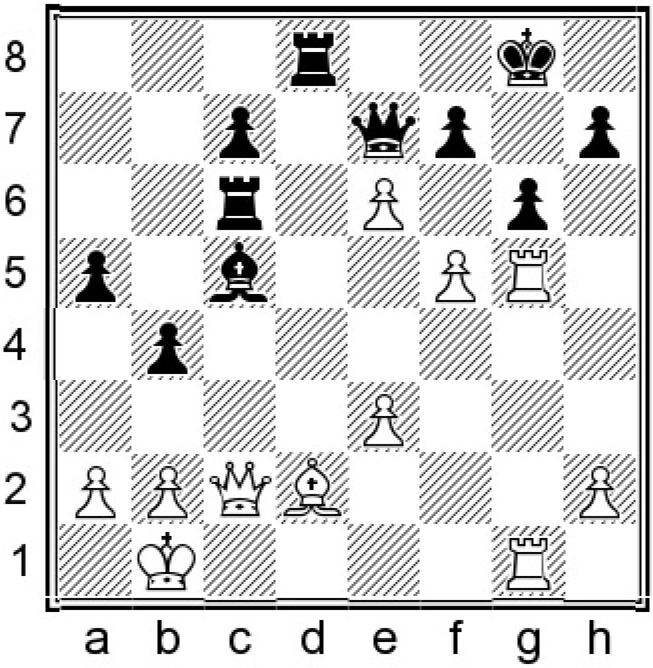
17...f6 18.e5 fxe5 19.♗d3 ♔h8! 20.♗xh7 exf4 21.exf4 ♗xf4 22.♖de1 ♗xd2+ 23.♕xd2 ♕d6=

18.e5 ♗c5 19.♖g5?!

19.♕e4 ♗a6 20.♗xa6 ♖xa6 21.f5 g6 22.♕f4±

19...♗a6 20.♖dg1 g6 21.♗xa6 ♖xa6 22.f5 ♗a7?

22...♖c6 23.♔b1 ♖d8 24.e6



24...fxe6!! 25.fxg6 h6 26.♖5g2 ♕f6 27.♖c1 ♖dd6 28.g7 ♕f7 29.♕d1 e5 30.e4 h5=

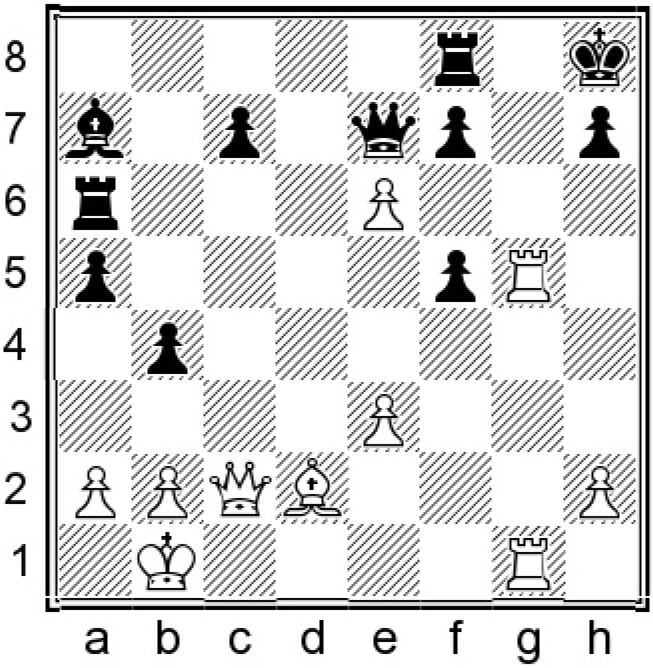
23.e6?!

23.♔b1! ♖d8 24.e6 fxe6 25.fxg6 h6 26.♖h5+-

23...♔h8?

23...fxe6 24.fxg6 h6 25.g7 hxg5 26.gxf8=♕+ ♔xf8 27.h4 ♕d7! 28.♔b1 ♖c6 29.♕g6 ♖c5!!∞

24.♔b1! gxf5



25.♗xb4! ♕xb4 26.♕g2+- ♕e4+ 27.♕xe4 fxe4 28.e7 ♖e8 29.♖g8+ ♖xg8 30.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 31.e8=♕+ ♔g7 32.♕e5+ ♖f6 33.♕g5+ ♖g6 34.♕xa5 ♖g1+ 35.♔c2 ♖g2+ 36.♔b3 ♗b6 37.♕e5+ ♔f8 38.♕h8+ ♔e7 39.♕xh7 ♖e2 40.♕xe4+ ♔f8 41.♕b4+ 1-0

155. * D43
Indjic, Aleksandar (2620) - Giri, Anish (2760)
Chennai (ol) 153/155, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♕xf6 7.e3 g6 8.♘e5

8.♗e2 - 152/150

8...♗g7 9.f4 O-O 10.h4 ♕e7N

10...♘d7 - 153/(155) 11.♕d2N (11.g4) 11...♕e7 12.O-O-O ♖d8 13.♕f2 a5 14.h5 ♘xe5 (14...g5 15.♗d3 gxf4 16.exf4 c5∞) 15.fxe5 ♗d7? (15...g5 16.♗d3 ♗d7 17.♗b1±) 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.♕g3 g5 18.♗d3 a4 19.a3 ♖f8 20.♕g4± Harsha,B (2547) -Nemec,J (2357) Pardubice 153/(155) 2022

11.g4!?

11.♕g4!? ♘d7 12.♕g3∞

11...c5! 12.♕d2

12.♕f3!? cxd4 (12...♘c6 13.O-O-O) 13.exd4 ♘c6 (13...dxc4 14.O-O-O ♘c6 15.♗xc4 ♖d8 16.h5 g5 17.♘xc6 bxc6 18.fxg5 ♕xg5+ 19.♔c2±) 14.O-O-O∞

12...dxc4! 13.O-O-O ♘c6 14.♗g2?!

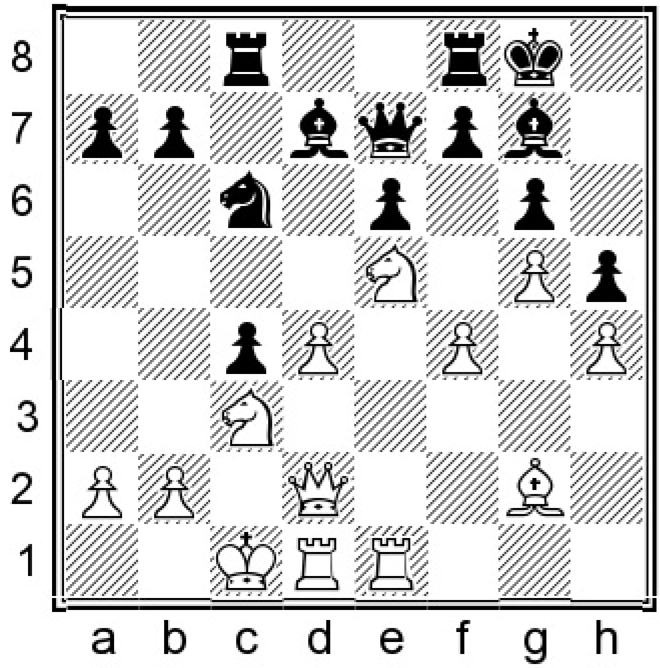
14.♗xc4 ♖d8 (14...cxd4 15.exd4 ♖d8 16.♕e3↑) 15.h5! cxd4 16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.♘e4∞; 14.h5!? g5 15.♘xc6 bxc6 16.fxg5 ♕xg5 17.♘e4 ♕d5 18.♕c2! (18.♗g2?! cxd4! 19.♘f6+ ♗xf6 20.♗xd5 dxe3!

21.♕e2 exd5⇄) 18...cxd4 19.♗xc4 d3 20.♕xd3 ♕e5 21.♕d4=

14...cxd4 15.exd4 ♗d7!∓ 16.g5?!

16.h5□ ♘xe5 17.dxe5 ♖fd8 18.♕d6∓

16...h5∓ 17.♖he1 ♖ac8?

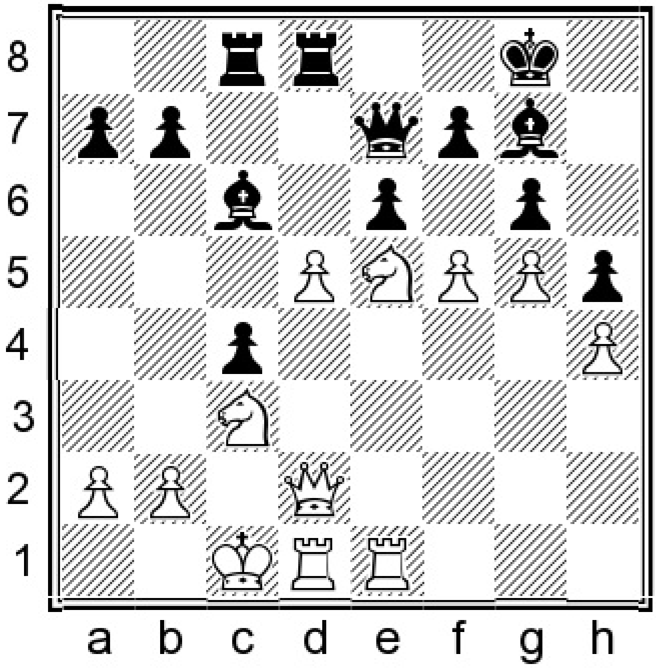


17...♖ad8∓

18.♗xc6?

18.f5! ♗xe5□ (18...gxf5? 19.♘d5! exd5 (19...♕d8? 20.♘f6+! ♗xf6 21.gxf6+-) 20.♘xc6+-) 19.dxe5 ♖fd8 20.fxg6 fxg6 21.♕d6±

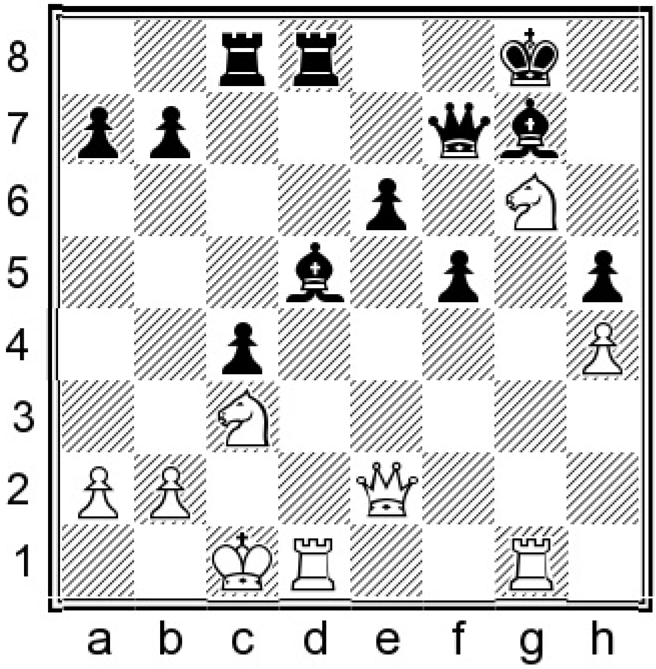
18...♗xc6 19.d5□ ♖fd8 20.f5?



20.♕f2! ♗e8 21.♕xa7∞

20...gxf5! 21.g6 fxg6 22.♘xg6 ♕f6?

22...♕f7! 23.♖g1 ♗xd5 24.♕e2



24...♔h7!!-+ 25.♕xh5+? ♗h6+-+

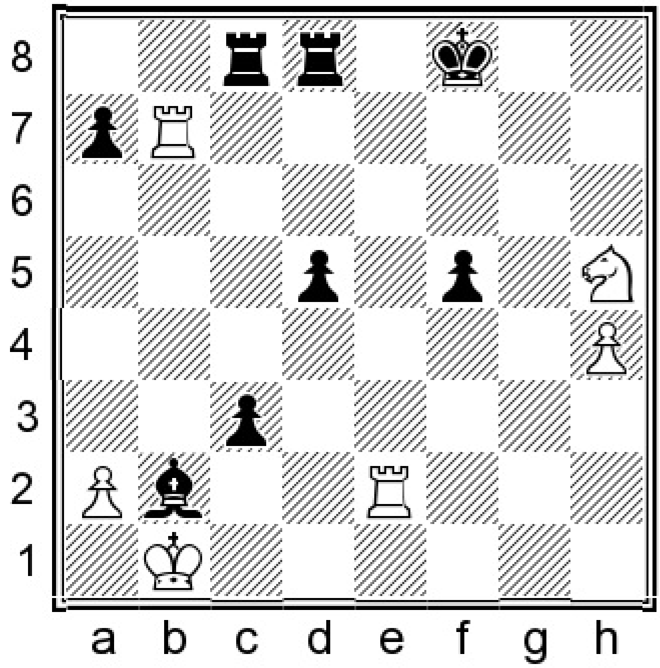
23.♘f4 ♗xd5 24.♘cxd5 exd5 25.♘xh5 ♕h6 26.♖e7! ♗xb2+!?

26...♕xd2+ 27.♔xd2 ♗h6+ 28.♔c2 ♖c6∓

27.♔b1??

27.♔c2□ ♕xd2+ 28.♖xd2 ♖c6 29.♖g2+ ♔f8 30.♖xb7 ♗e5=

27...♕xd2 28.♖xd2 ♔f8 29.♖de2 c3 30.♖xb7



30...c2+??

30...d4 31.♘f6 ♖d6□ 32.♘d7+ ♔g8 33.♖g2+ ♔h8 34.♘e5 ♖b6!-+

31.♖xc2 ♖xc2 32.♔xc2 ♗e5 33.♖xa7 ♖c8+ 34.♔d1 ♖c4 35.♖d7= ♖d4+ 36.♔e2 ♔e8 37.♖b7 ♔f8 38.♖d7 ♖e4+ 39.♔f2 d4 40.♘g3 ♖xh4 41.♖d5 ♖h2+ 42.♔f3 ♗xg3 43.♔xg3 ♖xa2 1/2-1/2

156. D45
Atalik, Ekaterina (2422) - Muzychuk, Mariya (2540)
Chennai (ol) 153/156, 2022

1.c4 c6 2.♘c3 d5 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 e6 5.b3 ♗d6 6.♗b2 O-O 7.d4 ♘e4

7...♘bd7 - 144/137

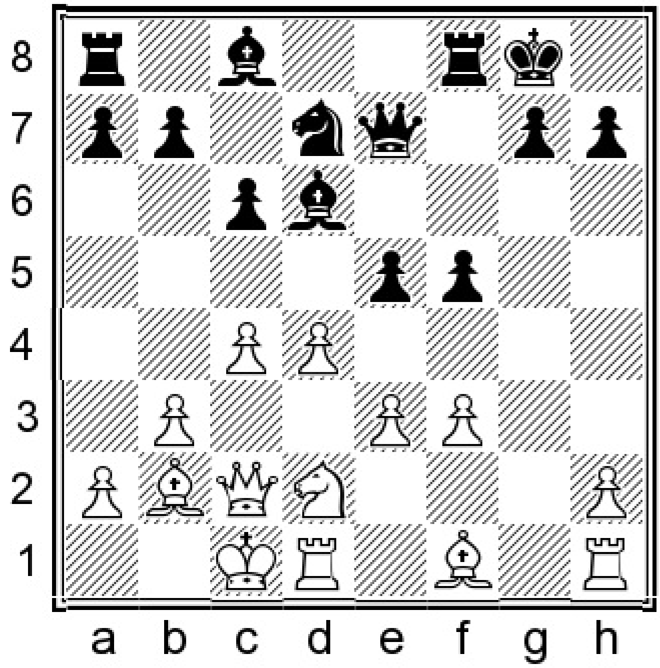
8.♘xe4

8.♗d3 f5 9.O-O ♘d7⇄ - A 85 (9...♕f6 10.♘e2 ♘d7 11.♘f4)

8...dxe4 9.♘d2 f5 10.♕c2 ♘d7 11.O-O-O ♕e7?!

11...♘f6 12.f3 b5!⇄

12.f3 exf3 13.gxf3 e5?N



13...♗a3 14.f4 b6 15.♖g1 ♗xb2+ 16.♔xb2 ♗b7 17.♘f3±; 13...♘f6

14.♗d3! ♘f6

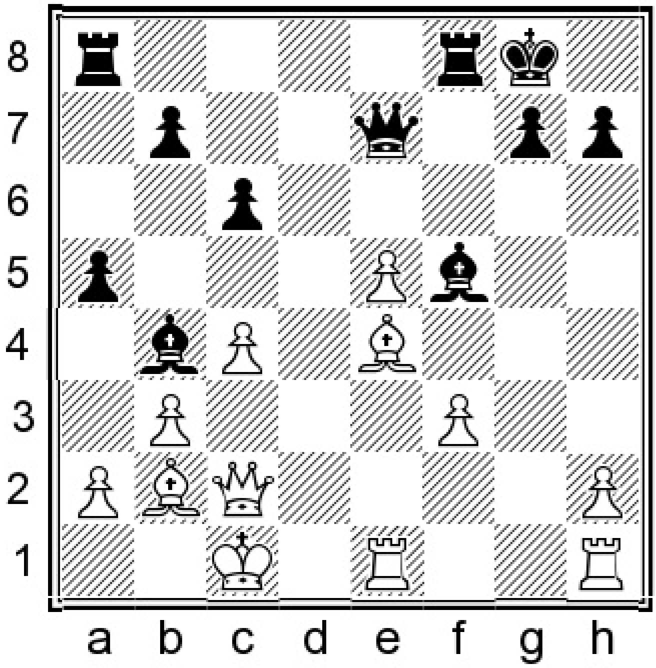
14...exd4 15.exd4 ♘f6 16.♔b1±

15.♖de1

15.♔b1 a5 16.♖he1±

15...a5 16.♗xf5

16.e4!? fxe4 (16...f4? 17.c5 ♗c7 18.♘c4 exd4 19.e5+-) 17.♘xe4 ♘xe4 18.♗xe4 ♗f5 19.dxe5 ♗b4



20.♖hg1! ♗xe1 21.♗xf5 ♖ad8 22.e6 ♖d2 23.♗xh7+ ♔h8 24.♕g6 ♖xb2 25.♔xb2 ♗b4 26.♕h5 ♕f6+ 27.♔b1 ♕xf3 28.♕g5 ♕f6 29.♗d3±

16...♗xf5 17.♕xf5 exd4?

17...♘d7 18.♕e4 ♗a3∞

18.exd4 ♕c7 19.♖hg1 ♖f7 20.d5! ♖af8?! 21.♕e6+- ♔h8 22.♘e4 ♘xe4 23.♖xe4 ♗f4+ 24.♔b1 cxd5 25.♕xd5 ♗h6 26.♗e5 ♕c8 27.♗d6 ♖f5 28.♕e6 ♕xe6 29.♖xe6 ♖d8 30.♗e5 ♔g8 31.f4 g6 32.♖g4 ♖d7 33.♔c2 ♖f8 34.h4 ♖fd8 35.♖g2 ♗g7 36.h5 gxh5 37.f5 ♔f8 38.f6 ♗h6 39.♗c3 ♔f7 40.♖e5 ♗f4 41.♖g7+ ♔f8 42.♖ee7 ♖d1 43.♖xh7 ♖g1 44.♖eg7 1-0

157. D46
So, Wesley (2776) - Carlsen, Magnus (2864)
Stavanger 153/157, 2022

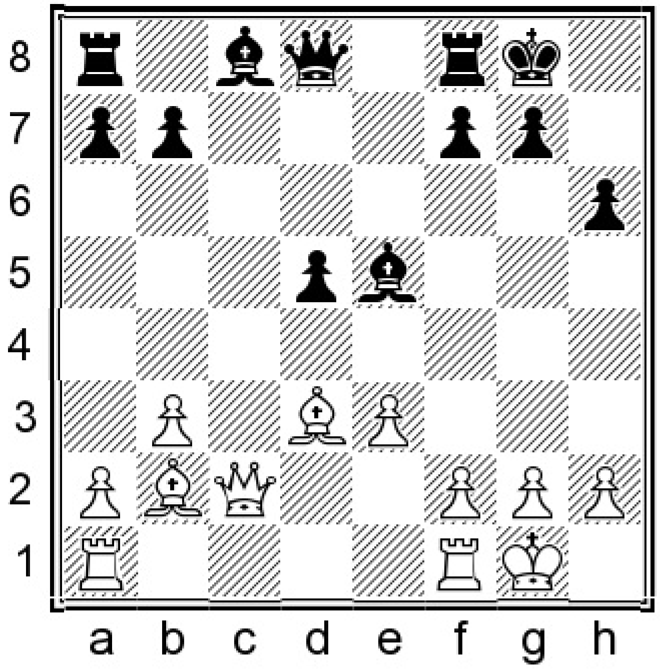
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♕c2 ♗d6 7.♗d3 O-O 8.O-O h6 9.b3 e5

9...♖e8 - 78/424

10.cxd5 ♘xd5

10...cxd5?! 11.♘b5 ♗b8 12.dxe5 ♘xe5 13.♘xe5 ♗xe5 14.♗b2 ♗xb2 15.♕xb2±

11.♘xd5 cxd5 12.dxe5 ♘xe5 13.♘xe5 ♗xe5 14.♗b2



14...♕f6

14...♗xb2?! 15.♕xb2 ♗d7 16.♖fd1 ♗c6 17.♗e2±

15.♗xe5 ♕xe5 16.♖ac1

16.♖fd1 ♗g4 17.♗e2 ♖ac8 18.♕d2 ♗xe2 19.♕xe2 ♖c5!?=

16...♗d7 17.♕c7 ♕xc7 18.♖xc7 ♗c6 19.♖c1N

19.b4

19...♖fc8 20.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 21.♔f1 ♔f8 22.♔e2 ♗d7

22...♖e8 23.♔d2 (23.♖c5!?) 23...d4 24.e4 ♗xe4 25.♗xe4 ♖xe4 26.♔d3 f5=; 22...♔e7 23.♔d2 ♔d6=

23.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 24.♔d2 ♔e7 25.♔c3 ♔d6= 26.b4 b6 27.♔d4 a5 28.b5

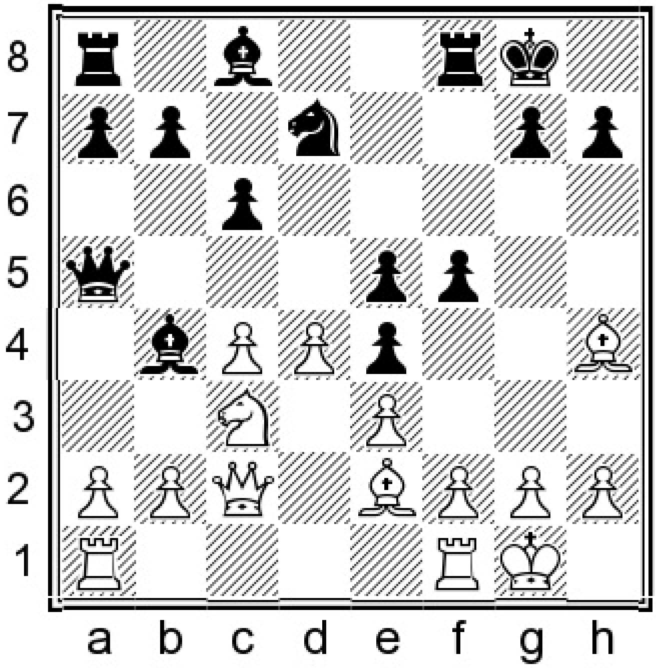
28.bxa5 bxa5 29.♗b5 f6=

28...♗d7 29.a4 ♗c8 30.f4 f6 31.f5 ♗b7 32.g3 ♗c8 33.♗c2 ♗d7 34.g4 ♗c8 35.♗b3 ♗b7 36.♗a2 ♗a8 37.♗b3 ♗b7 38.♗a2 1/2-1/2

D50-D99

158. D52
Abasov, Nijat (2635) - Adly, Ahmed (2596)
Sharjah 153/158, 2022

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 c6 3.♘f3 d5 4.d4 e6 5.♗g5 ♘bd7 6.e3 ♕a5 7.♘d2 ♗b4 8.♕c2 ♘e4 9.♘dxe4 dxe4 10.♗h4 O-O 11.♗e2 e5 12.O-O f5?!



12...exd4 - 55/447

13.♘xe4! fxe4 14.a3 exd4

14...♗d6 15.b4 ♕c7 16.c5 exd4 17.cxd6 ♕xd6 18.♕xe4±

15.axb4 ♕xb4 16.exd4 ♘f6 17.♖a4N

17.♕c3

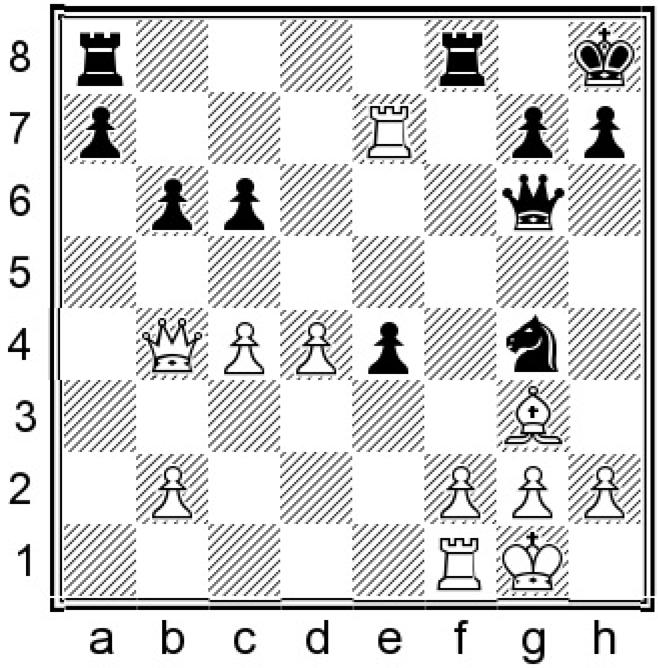
17...♕e7 18.♖a5 ♔h8 19.♕c3 ♕f7 20.♖e5 ♕g6 21.♕b4

21.h3 ♗f5 22.f4 ♘d7 (22...exf3 23.♖xf3±) 23.♖e7 ♖ae8 24.d5±

21...♗h3

21...♗g4 22.♗xg4 ♕xg4 23.♗xf6 ♖xf6 24.h3 ♕e2 25.♕c3±

22.♗g3 ♗g4 23.♗xg4 ♘xg4 24.♖e7 b6



25.♖xa7!+- h5 26.♖xa8 ♖xa8 27.♖e1 ♕f6 28.h3 h4 29.♗xh4 ♕xh4 30.hxg4 ♕xg4 31.♕xb6 e3 32.♖xe3 ♖a1+ 33.♔h2 ♕f4+ 34.♖g3 ♖e1 35.♕xc6 1-0

159. * D78
Esipenko, Andrey (2705) - Ragger, Markus (2643)
France 153/159, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.♗g2 d5 5.♘f3 ♗g7 6.O-O O-O 7.a4 ♗e6

7...dxc4 - 141/142

8.♘c3 dxc4 - 153/159

8...♘e4 9.cxd5 (9.♕b3 ♕b6 10.♕a3 ♖e8 11.cxd5 ♗xd5 12.a5 ♕a6 13.♖e1±) 9...♗xd5 10.♕c2 ♘xc3 11.bxc3 c5 12.e4 ♗c4 13.♖d1 ♘c6 14.d5 ♘a5 15.♘d2 ♗e2 16.♖e1 ♗a6 17.♖b1± Petkov, M (2465)-Pechac,J (2599) Terme Catez 153/(159) 2022

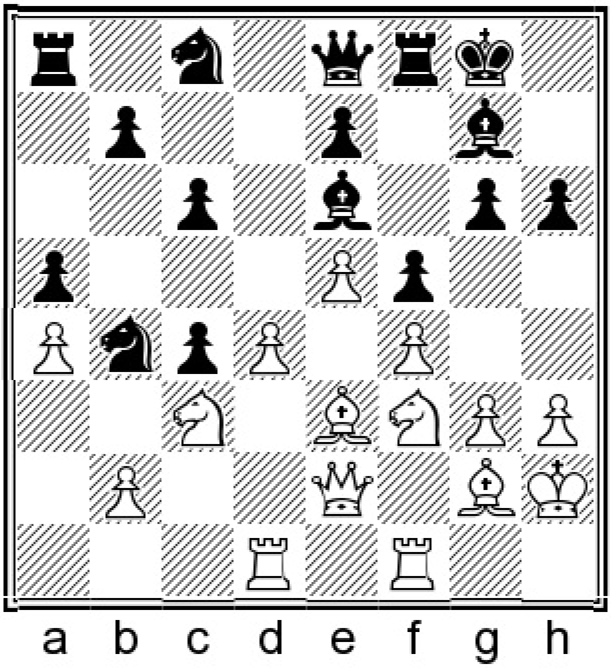
9.e4 ♘a6 10.h3 ♘b4 11.♗e3 a5 12.♕e2 h6 13.♖ad1 ♘e8N

13...♕b8

14.♘e5 ♘d6 15.f4 ♕e8 16.♔h2 f6 17.♘f3± f5?!

17...♖d8 18.g4 (18.d5 cxd5 19.♗b6 ♖a8 20.exd5 ♗f5 21.♕d2 ♖a6 22.♗c5 ♕c8 23.♗g1 ♖f7∞; 18.♗g1 f5 19.d5 fxe4 20.dxe6 exf3 21.♗xf3 ♘d3∞) 18...♘d3 19.b3 g5 20.f5 ♗f7 21.bxc4 ♘f4 22.♗xf4 ♗xc4 23.♕c2 gxf4 24.♘e2±

18.e5 ♘c8



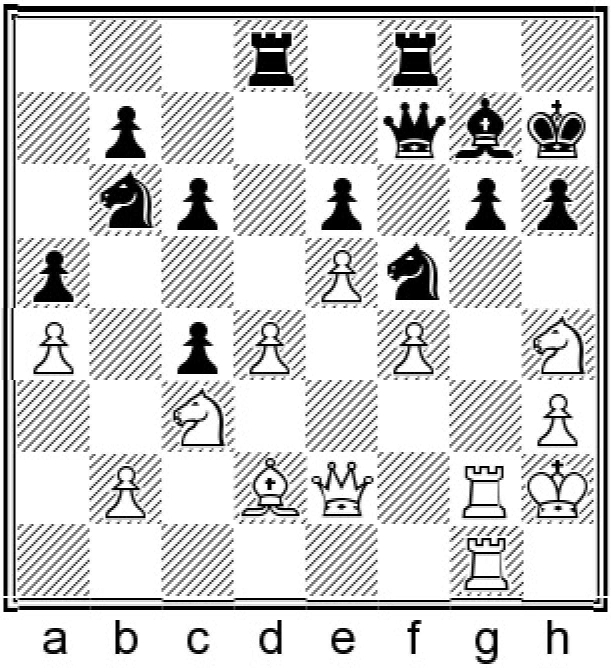
19.♘h4! ♘d5 20.g4± ♘cb6 21.♗d2 ♔h7 22.gxf5

22.♖g1 ♘xc3 23.bxc3 ♕f7 24.♗f3±

22...♗xf5 23.♗e4 e6 24.♖g1 ♘e7 25.♖g2 ♖d8 26.♖dg1 ♕f7 27.♗xf5

27.♘xg6 ♘xg6 28.♗xf5 ♕xf5 29.♖xg6 ♕xg6 30.♖xg6 ♔xg6 31.♘e4 ♖xd4 32.♘c5+-

27...♘xf5



28.♖xg6! ♘xh4 29.♖xg7+ ♕xg7 30.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 31.♕g4+ ♘g6 32.♕xe6+- ♖xd4 33.♗e3 ♖dxf4 34.♗xb6 ♖8f5 35.♕d7+ ♔g8 36.♗e3 ♖f3 37.♘e4 ♘xe5 38.♕e6+ ♘f7 39.♕g6+ ♔f8 40.♗c5+ 1-0

160. D78
Carlsen, Magnus (2864) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2759)
Stavanger 153/160, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.d4 ♘f6 5.O-O O-O 6.c4 c6 7.♘c3 dxc4 8.e4 ♗g4

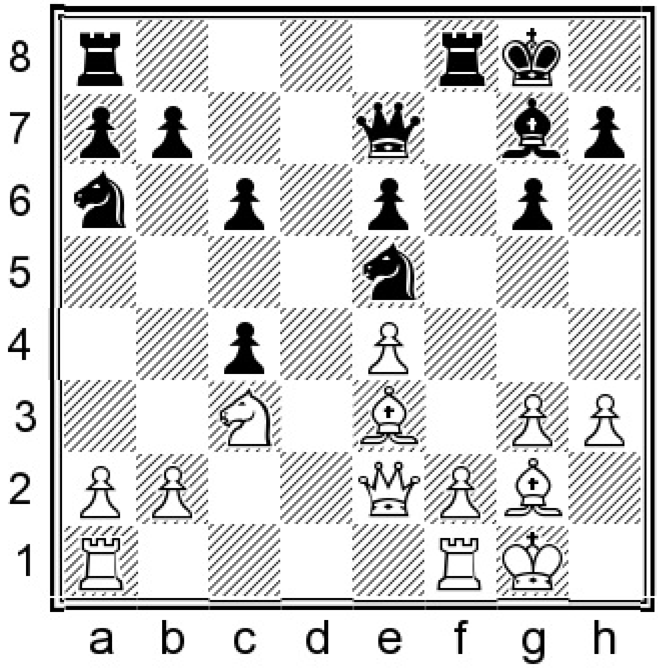
8...b5 - 49/526

9.h3 ♗xf3 10.♗xf3 e5 11.dxe5 ♘fd7 12.e6 fxe6 13.♗e3 ♕e7 14.♗g2 ♘a6 15.♕e2N

15.f4 ♘b6 16.a4 ♖ad8 17.♕e2 ♗d4∞

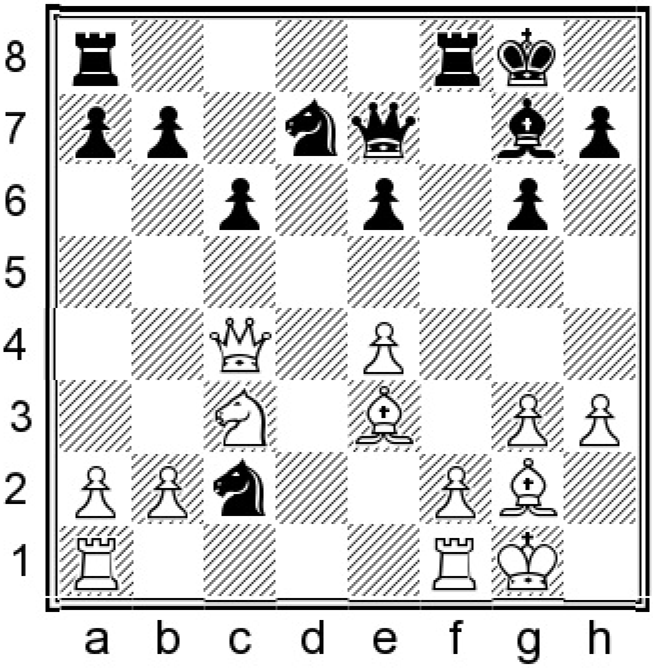
15...♘b4

⌓15...♘e5



16.♖ab1!? (16.f4 ♘d3 17.h4⯹ (17.e5 g5∞)) 16...g5 (16...♘d3 17.e5! ♘ac5 (17...♘xe5 18.♘e4 ♖f5 19.b3! cxb3 20.♖xb3 b5 21.a4⩲) 18.f4 g5 19.fxg5 ♖f5 20.♘e4 ♘xe4 21.♗xe4 ♖xe5 22.♗f4⩲) 17.♕h5 ♘d3∞

16.♕xc4 ♘c2



17.♘d5! cxd5

17...exd5? 18.♕xc2 dxe4 (18...d4 19.♗xd4 ♗xd4 20.♕c4++-) 19.♕b3+ ♔h8 20.♕xb7±

18.♕xc2 d4 19.♗d2

19.♗f4 ♖ac8 20.♕b3 ♘c5 21.♕a3 e5 22.♗d2 ♕d7 23.♖ac1 (23.♕xa7 ♕c6 24.♖fc1 b6 25.b4 ♖a8 26.♕e7 ♗f6 27.b5 ♕xb5 28.♕d6 ♖ad8 29.♖ab1 ♖xd6 30.♖xb5 ♖a8=) 23...b6 24.♗b4 h5 25.♗xc5 bxc5 26.♖xc5 ♖xc5 27.♕xc5 ♔h7=∞

19...♖ac8 20.♕b3 ♘c5 21.♕a3 ♕d7 22.♖ac1 b6 23.e5!? ♗xe5

⌓23...♕a4 24.f4 (24.♕xa4 ♘xa4 25.♗b4 ♖fd8 (25...♘c5∞) 26.♗e7 ♖e8 27.♗g5 ♖xc1 28.♗xc1 ♖c8∞) 24...♕xa3 25.bxa3 g5 26.♖c4 gxf4 27.gxf4 ♖cd8∞

24.♖fe1 ♗g7 25.b4 ♘a4 26.♖xc8 ♖xc8 27.♕b3 ♘c3

27...♖e8 28.♖xe6! ♖xe6 29.♗d5 ♔f7 30.♗xe6+ ♕xe6 31.♕xa4 ♕e7 32.♕c6±

28.♖xe6 ♔h8 29.♔h2

29.♗f1!? ♖f8 30.h4 ♘d5 31.♖e1 ♕f5 32.f4 ♗f6 33.♕d3±

29...♖e8 30.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 31.♕c4 h6

31...h5! 32.a3 (32.h4 ♕a4∞) 32...h4 33.g4 ♕e2 (33...♘b1 34.♕d3 ♘xd2 35.♕xd2 ♕e7=) 34.♕xe2 ♘xe2 35.♗f1 ♗e5+ 36.♔g2 ♗f4=

32.a3 a5

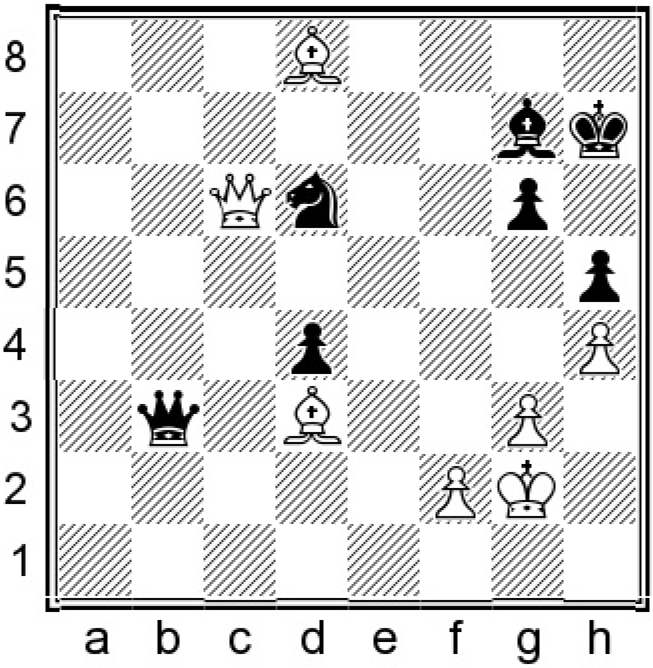
32...♘b1 33.♗c1 ♘c3 34.h4±

33.bxa5 bxa5 34.♗f1 ♕f8 35.♔g2 ♘e4 36.♗e1 ♕xa3 37.♗d3 ♘d6 38.♕a6 ♘f5 39.h4 h5 40.♗xa5

♔h7 41.♕b5 ♕f8 42.♕d5 ♕d6 43.♕f3 ♕e5

43...♕a3! 44.♗b6 ♘e3+ 45.fxe3 ♕xd3 46.exd4 ♕c2+ 47.♕f2 ♕c6+ 48.d5 ♕xd5+=

44.♗d8 ♕e6 45.♕b7 ♘d6 46.♕c6 ♕b3?



46...♗e5 47.♗c7 (47.♗g5 ♔g7 48.♕c5 ♘f7 49.♗d2 ♗f6=) 47...♔g7 48.f4 ♗xf4 49.gxf4 ♕g4+ 50.♔f2 ♕xf4+ 51.♕f3 ♕xh4+ 52.♔f1 ♕e7=

47.♗xg6+! ♔xg6 48.♕xd6+ ♔h7 49.♕d7+- ♔g6 50.♕c6+ ♔f7 51.♕c5 ♕b7+ 52.f3 ♔e8 53.♗c7 ♕b2+ 54.♔h3 d3 55.♕xh5+ ♔d7 56.♕f7+ ♔c6 1-0

161. D85
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2692) - Navara, David (2688)
Deutschland 153/161, 2022

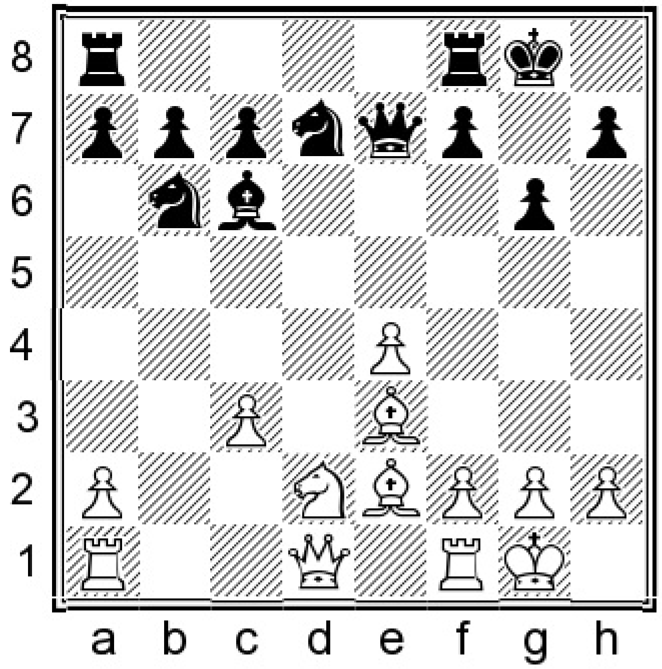
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♗d2 ♗g7 6.e4 ♘b6 7.♗e3 O-O 8.♗b5 ♗d7 9.♗e2 e5

9...♘c6 - 88/(392)

10.dxe5 ♗xe5 11.♘f3 ♗xc3+N

11...♗g7

12.bxc3 ♗c6 13.♘d2 ♘8d7 14.O-O ♕e7



15.♖e1! ♘c5

15...♗xe4? 16.♗f1 ♖ad8 17.♘xe4 ♕xe4 18.♗xb6+-

16.♗f1 ♖ad8 17.♕b1

17.♕c2 ♗a4 (17...♘xe4? 18.♗d4+-) 18.♘b3 ♘bd7 19.f3±

17...♘ba4 18.f3 ♖fe8

18...♘xc3 19.♕b4 ♘3a4 20.♘b3 b6 21.♘d4 ♗d7 22.♖ad1±

19.♕c2 a6 20.♖ab1

20.♘b3 ♗d7 21.♖ad1 ♘e6 22.♘d4±

20...♗b5

20...♘e6 21.♘b3 ♗b5 22.c4 ♗d7 23.♘d4 ♘xd4 24.♗xd4 ♗c6 25.♗a1±

21.c4 ♗c6 22.♘b3 b6

22...♘e6 23.♘a5 ♘ac5 24.♘xc6 bxc6 25.♖bd1 ♖xd1 26.♖xd1 ♖b8 27.♕f2±

23.♗f2

23.♘d4 ♗b7 24.♖bd1 ♕f6 25.g3±

23...♖d7

⌓23...♘e6 24.♖bd1 ♘ac5 25.♘xc5 ♘xc5 26.♕c3 ♖xd1 27.♖xd1 ♖d8 28.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 29.♗e2±

24.♘d4 ♗b7 25.e5 ♕g5 26.h4 ♕h6 27.♖bd1

27.♖b4 ♕g7 28.♖xa4 ♖ed8 29.♖a3 ♖xd4 30.♗xd4 ♖xd4 31.♕f2±

27...♗c8 28.♗g3 ♖dd8 29.e6 fxe6

29...♗xe6 30.♗xc7 ♖c8 31.♗g3 ♗d7 32.♕f2±

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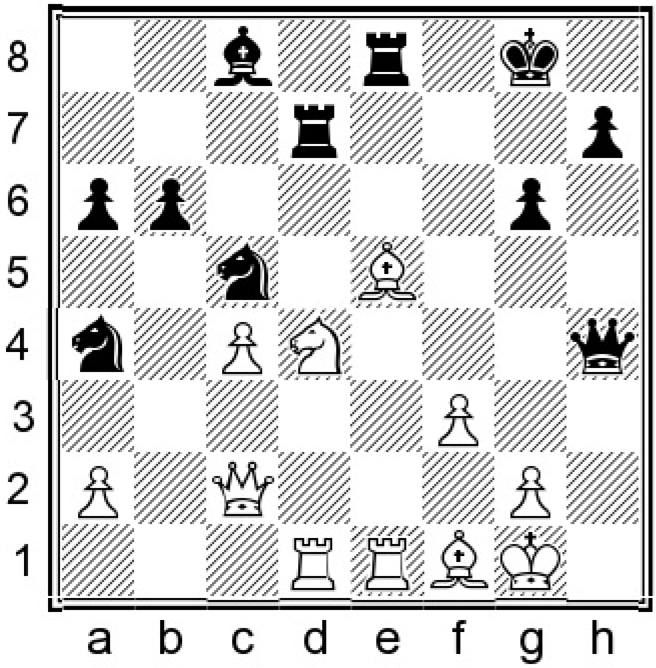

33.♗g3! ♕d8 34.♗h4! ♖xe1 35.♗xd8 ♖xd1 36.♕xd1 ♖xd8 37.♕a1+- ♗d7 38.♘b3 ♗e6 39.♕e5 ♗f7 40.♘xc5

40.♘d4 ♖e8 41.♕d6

40...♘xc5 41.♕c7 ♖d1 42.♕xb6 ♗xc4 43.♕xc5 ♖xf1+ 44.♔h2 ♗e6 45.♕c6 ♖e1 46.♕xa6 ♖e5 47.a4 ♗d5 48.♕d6 ♖h5+ 49.♔g1 1-0

162. D87
Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2642) - Giri, Anish (2761)
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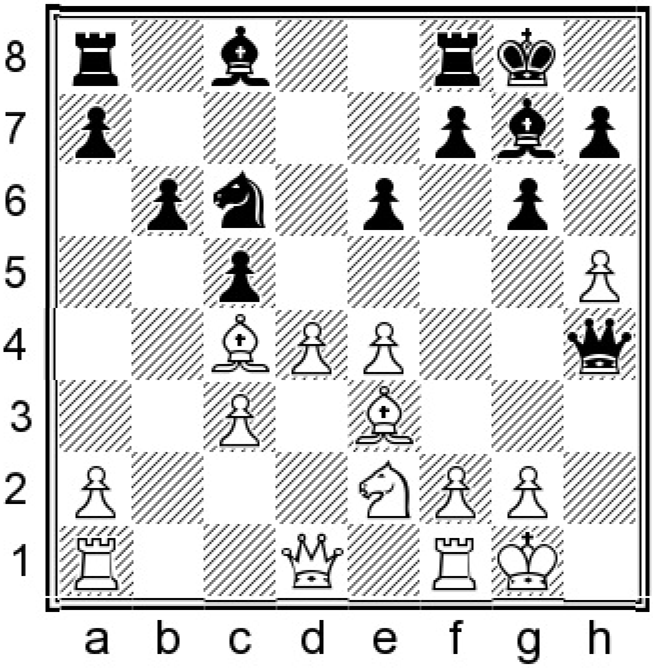
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 c5 8.♘e2 O-O 9.O-O ♘c6 10.♗e3 b6 11.h4 e6 12.h5 ♕h4



13.♕c1!?N

13.hxg6 - 144/155

13...cxd4

13...♕xe4? 14.♘g3 ♕h4 15.♗g5 ♕g4 16.♗e2+-; 13...♕xh5? 14.♘g3 ♕h4 15.♗g5+-; 13...♘a5 14.♗d3 e5 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.♗g5 ♕h5 17.f3 f6 (17...exd4 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.♘g3 ♕h8 20.♔f2+-) 18.♗e3±

14.cxd4 ♕xe4

14...♗b7 15.h6 ♗f6 16.f3 ♖ac8 17.♕b2 ♖fd8∞ (17...g5∞)14...♕xh5 15.♘g3 ♕a5 16.♗d2 ♕a4 17.♗b3 ♕b5 18.♗c4 ♕a4=

15.♖d1 ♘a5

⌓15...♘e7 16.♗g5 ♘f5 17.h6 ♗h8 18.♘c3 ♕c6 (18...♕b7 19.d5 ♗d7 20.dxe6 ♗xe6 21.♗d5 ♗xd5 22.♘xd5 ♖ac8 23.♕d2 ♖c4 24.♗f6 ♖d4 25.♕xd4 ♘xd4 26.♖xd4 ♗xf6 27.♘xf6+ ♔h8 28.♖ad1 ♕e7 29.♖d6 b5∞) 19.♗b5 ♕b7 20.♗d3 ♕d7 21.♗b5 ♕b7=

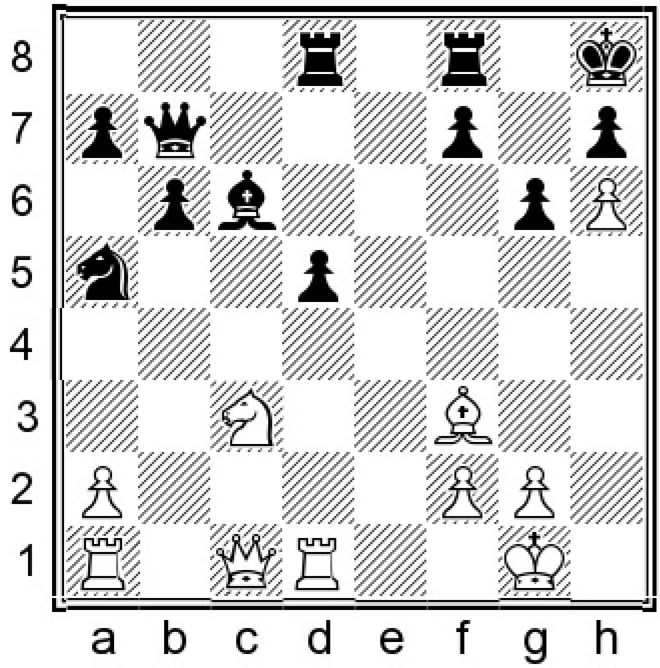
16.♘c3 ♕b7 17.♗e2 ♗d7 18.h6 ♗h8

18...♗f6?! 19.♗f3 ♗c6 20.d5 exd5 21.♘xd5+-

19.♗f3 ♗c6 20.d5 exd5 21.♗d4! ♖ad8

21...f6 22.♘xd5! ♗xd5 23.♗xd5+ ♕xd5 24.♗xb6 ♕g5 25.♗xa5 ♕xc1 (25...♕xa5 26.♕c4+ ♖f7 27.♖d7 ♖f8 28.♖b1 ♕e5 29.g3±) 26.♖axc1 ♖ac8 27.♖xc8 ♖xc8 28.g4±

22.♗xh8 ♔xh8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d
e
f
g
h

23.♘xd5! ♗xd5

23...f6 24.♘xf6! ♖xd1+ 25.♕xd1 ♕e7 26.♘g4+-

24.♕d2 ♕e7?!

24...♕c7 25.♕d4+ f6 26.♗xd5 ♘b7 27.g3±

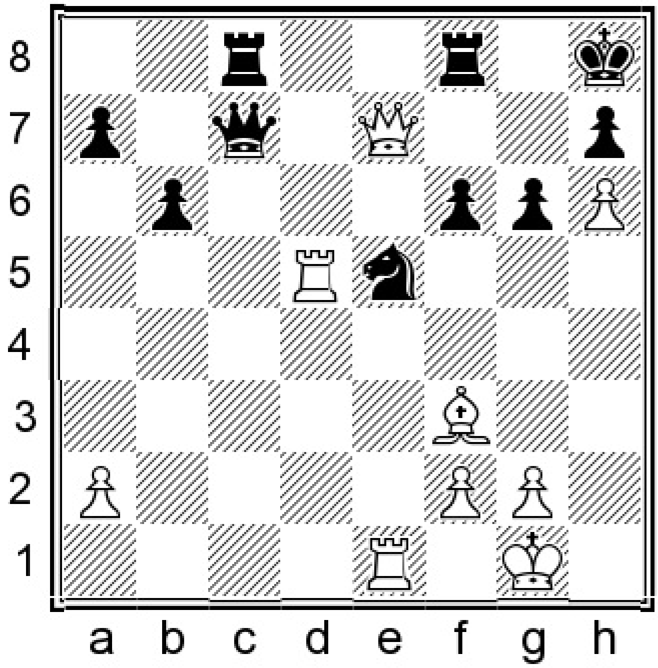
25.♕c3+ f6 26.♖xd5 ♖c8

26...♖xd5 27.♗xd5 ♕d6 28.♖d1 ♕f4 29.♕c1±

27.♖e1! ♕c7

27...♖xc3 28.♖xe7 ♖c1+ 29.♔h2 ♖c4 30.♖f7!+-

28.♕a3 ♘c4 29.♕e7! ♘e5



29...♖f7 30.♕e6 ♘e5 31.♗d1 (31.♖exe5 fxe5 32.♖d6 ♕c1+ 33.♖d1 ♕c7 34.♖d6=) 31...♖ff8 32.♗a4±

30.♖exe5! fxe5 31.♖d7+- ♕c1+ 32.♗d1 ♕xh6 33.♕xe5+ 1-0

163. D90
Narayanan, Sunilduth Lyna (2662) - Puranik, Abhimanyu Sameer (2608)
Sharjah 153/163, 2022

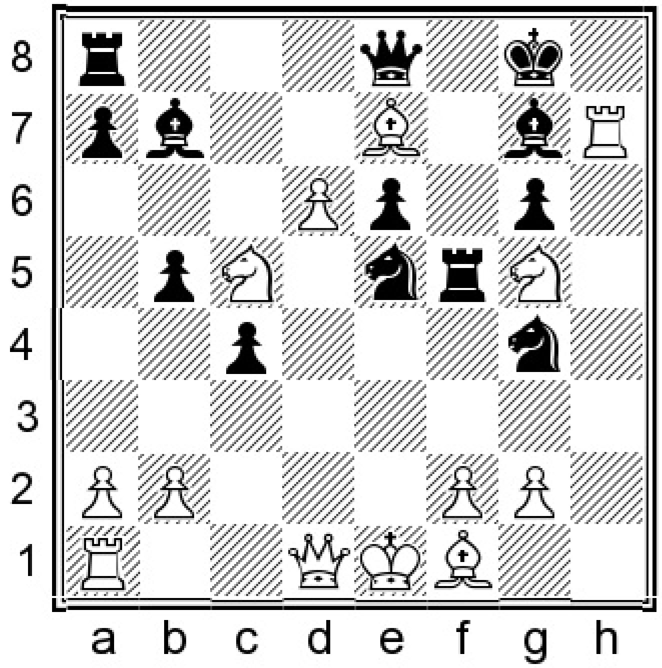
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.h4 dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.d5 b5 8.h5 O-O 9.hxg6 fxg6 10.e5 ♘g4 11.d6 e6 12.♖xh7 ♖f5 13.♘e4

13.♖h3 - 148/161

13...♘d7 14.♗g5 ♕e8 15.♗e7 ♗b7 16.♘fg5 ♘dxe5N

16...♘gxe5 17.♖xg7+ (17.♕c2 ♘c6 18.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 19.♕c3+ e5∞) 17...♔xg7 18.♘xe6+ ♔g8 19.♘c7 ♕f7 20.♘g5 ♖xg5 21.♗xg5 ♖f8 22.♕d2 ♕f5∞

17.♘xc5



17.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 18.♘xc5 ♕h8!? (18...♘xf2 - 17.Nc5) 19.d7 (19.♘gxe6+ ♔f7 20.♘g5+ ♔g8∓) 19...♗d5 20.♘ce4 ♘xf2 21.♘xf2 ♘c6 22.d8=♕ ♖xd8 23.♗xd8 ♕xd8 24.♘f3 ♕f6∞

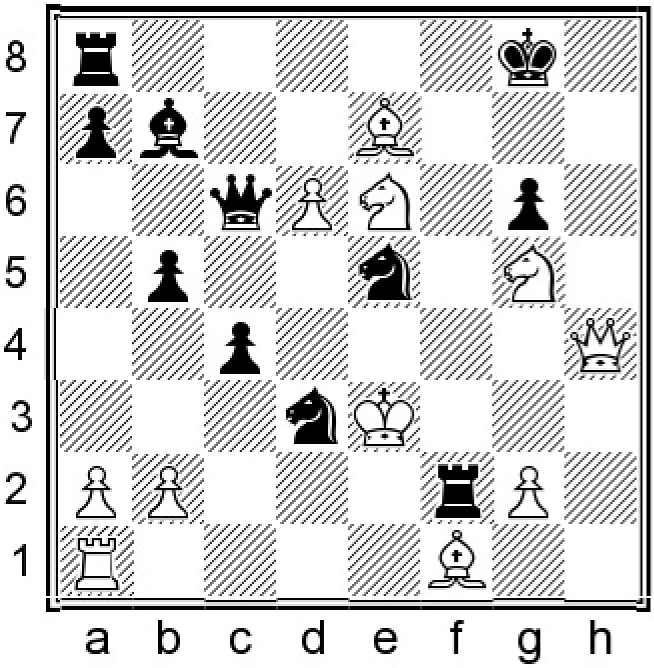
17...♘xf2! 18.♖xg7+

18.♘cxe6 ♘xd1 19.♖xg7+ ♔h8 20.♖h7+ ♔g8 21.♖g7+ ♔h8=

18...♔xg7 19.♘cxe6+ ♔g8 20.♕d4 ♕c6! 21.♕h4 ♘fd3+

21...♘ed3+!? 22.♔d2 (22.♔e2 ♖e5+ 23.♔d2 ♘e4+ 24.♘xe4 ♕xe4 25.♕xe4 ♖xe4 26.♘g5 ♖d4 27.♘e6 ♖e4=) 22...♘e4+ 23.♘xe4 ♕xe4 24.♕xe4 ♗xe4 25.g4 (25.♘c7 ♔f7 26.♘xa8 ♗xa8 27.♗xd3 cxd3=) 25...♖f2+ 26.♔e3 ♗g2∞

22.♔e2 ♖f2+ 23.♔e3



23...♘g4+! 24.♕xg4 ♖f4! 25.♕g3

25.♘xf4 ♕c5+ 26.♔d2 ♕b4+ 27.♔e3 ♕c5+=

25...♕b6+= 26.♔d2 ♖f2+ 27.♗e2 ♕a5+ 28.♔e3 ♕b6+ 29.♔d2 ♕a5+ 1/2-1/2

164. ** D94
Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2609) - Quesada Perez, Luis Ernesto (2519)
La Habana 153/164, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 d5 4.e3 g6 5.d4 ♗g7 6.♗e2 O-O 7.O-O ♗g4 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.♕b3 b6 10.h3 ♗c8

10...♗xf3 - 103/340

11.♘e5 ♗b7 12.♕a4N

12.♗d2 - 153/(164) 12...♘c6 13.f4 (13.♖ac1 ♘xe5 14.dxe5 ♘d7 15.f4 ♘c5 16.♕d1N (16.♕c2) 16...f6?! (16...d4 17.♘b5 d3 18.♗f3 ♕d7 19.♗xb7 (19.♘d4 ♖ac8=) 19...♕xb7 20.♕f3 ♕xf3 21.gxf3 f6 22.b4 ♘e6∞ (22...♘a4∞)) 17.b4 ♘e4 18.♘xe4 dxe4 19.♕b3+ ♗d5 20.♗c4 e6 21.exf6 ♗xf6 22.♗c3± Peng,L (2517)-Sandalakis,N (2240) Iraklion 153/(164) 2022) 13...♘a5 14.♕a4 a6N (14...♘e8) 15.♕a3 ♖e8 16.♖ac1 ♖c8 17.b3 ♕d6 18.♕b2 e6?! (18...♘c6 19.a3±) 19.♘a4! ♘e4 20.♗xa5 bxa5 21.♗f3 ♘g3 22.♖fe1± Gledura, B (2652)-Reshef,O (2493) USA 153/(164) 2022

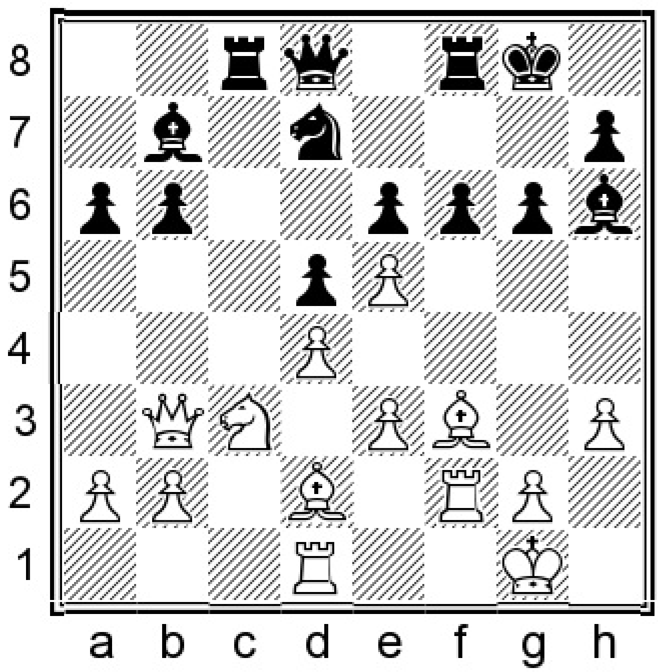
12...a6 13.♗d2 ♘fd7 14.f4 e6 15.♕b3 ♘xe5 16.fxe5

16.dxe5?! ♘d7 17.♖fd1 ♘c5 18.♕a3 a5=

16...♘d7 17.♗f3

17.♗e1! ♗h6 (17...♖c8 18.a4±) 18.♖f3 ♗g5 19.a4±

17...♖c8 18.♖ad1 ♗h6 19.♖f2 f6?!



19...b5 20.♘e2 ♕b6 21.♗b4 ♖fe8 22.♘f4 a5 23.♗d6±

20.e4! ♗xd2 21.♖fxd2 fxe5 22.exd5 ♖xf3?!

22...exd4 23.dxe6 ♘c5 24.e7+ ♘xb3 25.exd8=♕ ♖cxd8 26.axb3 ♗xf3 27.gxf3 ♖xf3 28.♖d3 ♖xd3 29.♖xd3 ♔f7 30.♘e2+-

23.dxe6

23.gxf3? ♕g5+ 24.♔f1 exd4 25.dxe6 ♘e5 26.♖xd4 ♕g3 27.♘e4 ♕xh3+ 28.♔f2 ♕h2+ 29.♔e3 ♕h6+ 30.♔e2 ♕h2+=

23...♔g7

23...♘c5 24.dxc5 ♕g5 25.e7+ ♔g7 26.♕c4 bxc5 27.♕g4 ♕xg4 28.hxg4+-

24.exd7+- ♖cxc3

24...♕xd7 25.dxe5

25.bxc3 ♕g5 26.d5

26.♖e2

26...♕e3+ 27.♔h1 1-0

165. D97
Niemann, Hans Moke (2656) - Salem, AR Saleh (2690)
Sharjah 153/165, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dxc4 6.♕xc4 O-O 7.e4 a6 8.♗e2 b5 9.♕b3 c5 10.dxc5 ♗b7 11.O-O ♘xe4 12.♘xe4 ♗xe4 13.♗f4 ♗d5 14.♕e3 ♘c6 15.♖ad1 e6 16.♖d2 ♕a5 17.a3 b4 18.♗d6

18.♖c1 - 88/(404)

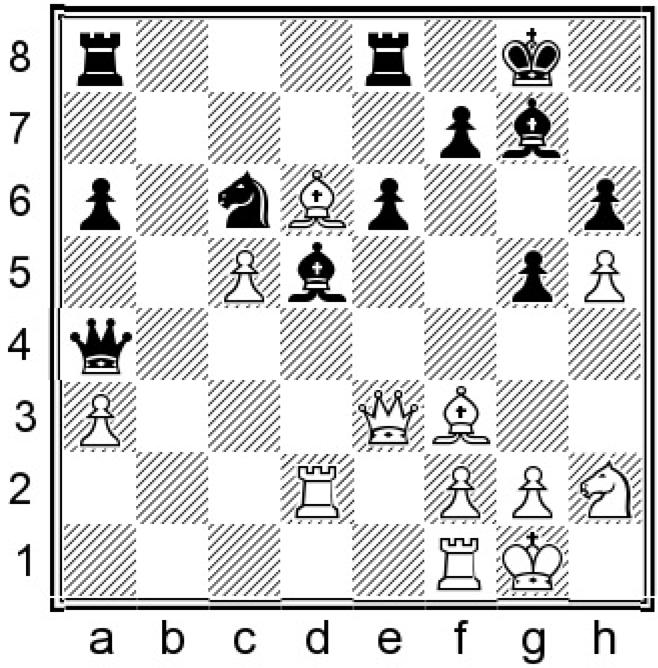
18...♖fe8 19.h4 bxa3 20.bxa3 h6N

20...♗f8 21.♖fd1 ♖ad8 22.♘g5 ♘e7 23.♕f4 ♘f5 24.♗e5 (24.♗c7 ♕xc5 25.♗xd8 ♖xd8 26.♘e4 ♕e7 27.♕g5±) 24...♗g7 25.♗c7 ♕xc5 26.♗xd8 ♖xd8 27.♗f3±

21.h5 g5 22.♘h2

22.♖b1 ♕c3 (22...♖ed8 23.♘h2 ♕c3 24.♘g4 ♕xe3 25.♘xe3 ♗e4 26.♖b6±) 23.♖d3 ♕c4 24.♖b6±

22...♕a4 23.♗f3



23.♘g4 f5 24.♗d1 ♕c4 25.♘e5 ♘xe5 26.♗xe5 ♕e4 27.♕xe4 ♗xe4 28.♗c7 ♗c3 29.♖d7 ♗c6 30.♖d3±

23...♘d4! 24.♗xd5

24.♗d1 ♕c4 25.♗e5 ♘f5 26.♕e1 ♕xc5 27.♘g4 ♗c4 28.♗xg7 ♔xg7 29.♖c2 ♖ac8 30.♖xc4 ♕xc4 31.♕e5+ ♔g8 32.♘f6+ ♔f8 33.♘h7+ ♔e7 (33...♔g8 34.♘f6+=) 34.♕f6+ ♔d7 35.♗f3 ♘d6 36.♕xh6 ♕f4 37.♘f6+ ♔e7 38.♘xe8 ♘xe8∞

24...exd5 25.♕d3 ♕c4 26.♘f3 ♘e2+ 27.♔h2 ♖e4

27...♘c3 28.♖c1 a5 29.♖cc2 ♖ac8∞

28.g3 g4 29.♘h4 ♘d4! 30.♔g2

30.♖b1 a5 31.♖dd1 ♗f6∞

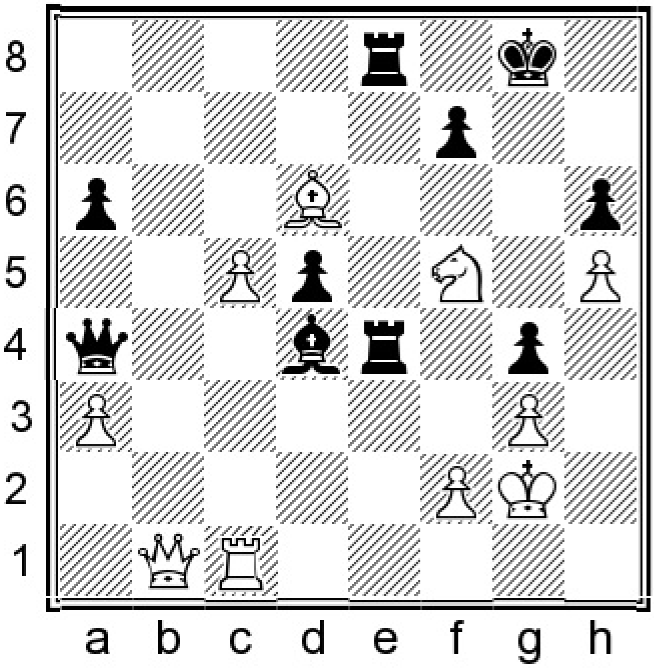
30...♖ae8 31.♕b1?

31.♖b1 a5 32.♖dd1 ♖e2 33.♕xc4 dxc4 34.♖dc1 c3 35.♖xc3 ♘c2 36.♖cb3 ♗d4 37.♖b8 ♖xf2+ 38.♔h1 ♖xb8 39.♖xb8+ ♔h7 40.c6 ♖f1+ 41.♔g2 ♖f2+ 42.♔h1=

31...♗f6 32.♖c1 ♕a4 33.♖xd4

33.♖cd1 ♕d7 34.♕b6 ♘f3! 35.♘xf3 gxf3+ 36.♔xf3 ♕h3 37.♖xd5 ♗g5! 38.c6 ♕xh5+ 39.♔g2 ♖e1-+

33...♗xd4 34.♘f5



34...♕d7!-+ 35.♘xd4

35.♘xh6+ ♔g7 36.♗f4 ♖xf4 37.gxf4 ♔xh6-+

35...♖xd4 36.♗f4 ♖c4 37.♕b6 ♕e6

37...♖xc1 38.♗xc1 ♕f5

38.♖b1 ♖c2

38...♕e4+ 39.♔g1 ♖xc5

39.♔g1 d4 40.♖d1 d3 41.♕d6 ♕e2 42.♖f1 d2 43.♕d7 ♕xf1+! 44.♔xf1 ♖e1+ 45.♔g2 d1=♕ 46.♕c8+ ♔g7 47.♗xh6+ ♔xh6 48.♕f8+ ♔xh5 49.♕xf7+ ♔g5 50.♕g7+ ♔f5 51.♕f7+ ♔e5 0-1

E00-E24

166. * E01
Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2740) - Carlsen, Magnus (2864)
Miami (m/1-rapid) 153/166, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♗b4+ 4.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 5.♕xd2 d5 6.g3 c6

6...O-O 7.♗g2 c6 8.O-O ♘bd7 9.♕c2 b6 10.♘bd2 ♗b7 11.b4 ♕e7 12.c5 a5 13.a3 ♗a6 (13...axb4 - 86/465) 14.♖fe1 axb4 15.axb4 ♗b5 16.e4 (16.e3 ♖fb8⇄) 16...♘xe4 17.♘xe4 dxe4 18.♕xe4 h6N (18...♘f6) 19.♕c2 ♖fc8 20.♘d2 ♘f6 21.♕b2 ♕d8 22.h4 ♖cb8 23.♖xa8 1/2 (23) Wojtaszek,R (2694)-Fedorchuk,S (2604) Deutschland 153/(166) 2022

7.♗g2 ♘bd7 8.O-O dxc4

8...b6 - 116/159

9.a4 O-O

9...b5

10.a5N

10.♘a3

10...b5 11.axb6 ♕xb6 12.♖c1

12.♕a5!? ♖b8 (12...♕xb2?! 13.♘bd2 ♕b5 14.♖fc1 ♕xa5 15.♖xa5 ♘b6 16.♘e5 ♗d7 17.♘dxc4±) 13.♘bd2 ♕xa5 14.♖xa5 ♖xb2 15.♘xc4 ♖c2 16.♘d6 a6±

12...♖b8

12...♗a6 13.♕a5! ♗b5 14.e3 ♕xa5 15.♖xa5 a6 16.♘bd2 ♖ab8 17.♗f1 c5 18.♗xc4 cxd4 19.♘xd4 ♖fc8 20.♖c3±

13.♘a3 ♗a6

13...♕xb2?! 14.♘xc4 ♕xd2 15.♘fxd2 a6 16.♗xc6±

14.♘xc4 ♗xc4 15.♖xc4 ♕xb2 16.♕xb2 ♖xb2 17.♗f1 ♖c8?!

17...♖a8! 18.♖xc6 a5 19.♘e1 ♘b6 20.♘d3 ♖b3∞

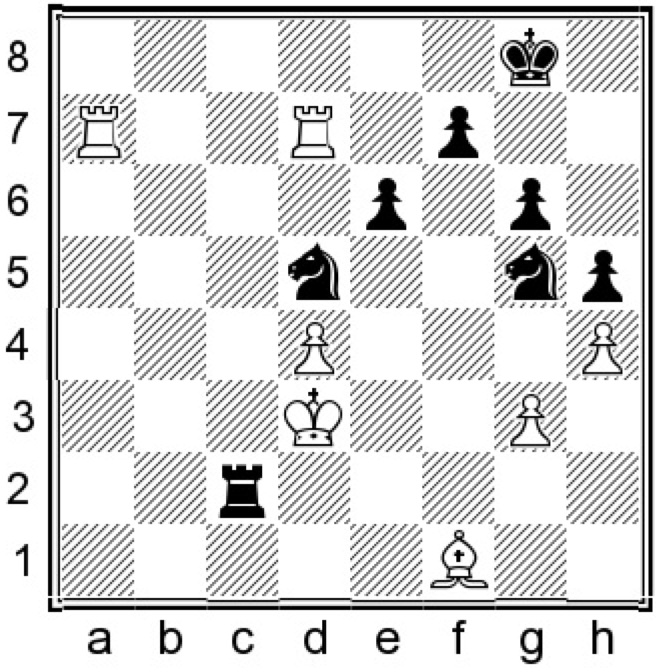
18.♖xa7 g6 19.♖c1± h5

19...♔f8 20.♘e1! (20.e4 ♔e8±) 20...♔e8 21.♘d3 ♖b6 22.♗g2±

20.e4! ♖d8 21.♖xc6?!

21.♘g5! ♖b4 22.♗c4±

21...♘xe4 22.♖cc7 ♖xf2 23.♘g5 ♘xg5 24.♔xf2 ♘f6 25.♔e2 ♘d5 26.♖d7 ♖c8 27.h4 ♖c2+ 28.♔d3



28...♘b4+?

28...♖c3+! 29.♔e2 ♖c2+ 30.♔d3 ♖c3+ 31.♔e2 ♖c2+=

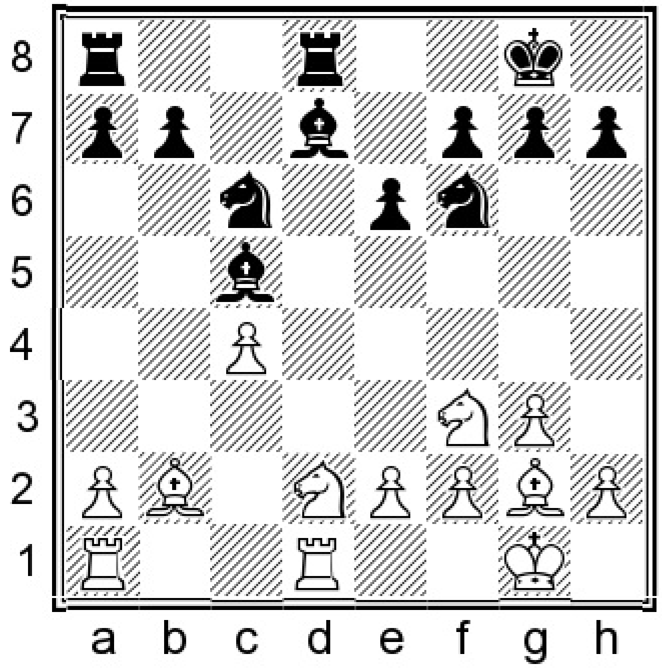
29.♔e3 ♖c3+ 30.♔f4 ♖f3+ 31.♔xg5 ♔g7 32.♗h3!+- ♘d3 33.g4 ♘f2 34.gxh5 ♘xh3+ 35.♔g4 ♘g1 36.hxg6 ♔xg6 37.h5+ ♔g7 38.♖a1 1-0

167. ** E04
Niemann, Hans Moke (2687) - Firouzja, Alireza (2778)
Miami (m/1-rapid) 153/167, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 c5 6.O-O ♘c6 7.dxc5

7.♕a4 ♗d7 8.♕xc4 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♖c8 10.♘c3 ♘xd4 11.♕xd4 ♗c5 12.♕h4 ♗c6 13.♖d1 ♕a5 14.♗d2 (14.♗h6 - 27/(502)) 14...♗e7 15.♘d5 ♘xd5 16.♕xe7+ ♘xe7 17.♗xa5 ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 ♘c6 19.♗c3 f6 20.♖d3N (20.b4; 20.f4 ♔e7 21.♔f3 ♖hd8 22.g4 e5=) 20...♔e7 21.♖ad1 ♖hd8 22.♖xd8 ♖xd8 23.♖xd8 ♔xd8 24.f4 ♔e7= Giri,A (2760)-Firouzja,A (2778) Miami (m/3-rapid) 153/(167) 2022

7...♕xd1 8.♖xd1 ♗xc5 9.♘bd2 c3 10.bxc3 O-O 11.c4 ♖d8 12.♗b2 ♗d7



13.♘e1!?N

13.♘b3 - 153/(167) 13...♗e7 14.♘fd4 ♖ac8 15.♘b5 b6 16.♘d6 (16.♖ac1 - 134/163) 16...♖c7 17.♗a3 ♘e5 18.♘b5 ♗xb5 19.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 20.cxb5 ♘c4 21.♖d1 ♖d7N (21...♗e7) 22.♖xd7 ♘xd7 23.♗b4 ♗f6 (23...♗c7 24.e3 ♗d6 25.♗e1! (25.♗c3 ♘a3 26.♘d4 e5!∞) 25...♘a3 26.♘d4 ♗c5 (26...e5 27.♘c6 ♘xb5 28.a4±) 27.♘c6 ♘xb5 28.a4±) 24.e3 (24.♗c6!?±) 24...♗b2 25.♗f1 ♘ce5 26.f4 ♘g4 27.e4 ♘gf6 28.♗d3 e5 29.♔g2± Giri,A (2760)-Firouzja,A (2778) Miami (m/1-rapid) 153/(167) 2022

13...♖ac8 14.♘b3

14.♘d3 ♗e7 15.c5 ♗e8 16.♘c4 ♘d5 17.♖ac1 b5 18.♘d6 ♗xd6 19.cxd6 ♘b6! 20.♘e5 ♘xe5 21.♖xc8 ♖xc8 22.♗xe5 ♖c2 23.♗d4 ♗d7=

14...♗e7 15.♘d3

15.a4 b6 16.a5 ♗e8 17.♖dc1 ♘b4!=

15...b6 16.c5 ♗e8 17.cxb6 axb6 18.♖ac1 ♘d5 19.♘d4

19.♖d2 ♘cb4 20.♘xb4 ♖xc1+ 21.♘xc1 ♗xb4 22.♖d3 ♗e7=

19...♘xd4 20.♗xd4 ♗f6

20...b5 21.♗xd5 ♖xc1 22.♖xc1 ♖xd5 23.♗c5=

21.♗xf6 ♘xf6 22.♗f3

22.♗b7 ♖xc1 23.♖xc1 ♗b5 24.♖b1 ♗xd3 25.exd3 ♖xd3 26.♖xb6 h5 27.a4 ♖a3 28.♗c6 ♘g4= (28...g5=)

22...♔f8 23.♖b1 b5 24.♖dc1 ♔e7 25.♔f1 ♖xc1+

25...♖c4 26.♔e1 ♖dc8 27.♔d2=

26.♖xc1 ♖d7 27.♘b4 ♖a7 28.♖c3 ♔d6 29.♔e1 ♖c7 30.♖d3+ ♔e7 31.♔d2 ♘d7 32.♖c3 ♖xc3 33.♔xc3 ♔d6 34.♘d3

34.♗c6 ♘f6 35.♗xe8 ♘xe8 36.♘d3 ♘c7 37.♔b4 f6=

34...e5 35.e3 f5 36.♗e2 ♘f6

36...♗f7=

37.a3 ♗f7 38.f4 exf4 39.exf4 ♗c4 40.♔d4 ♘e8 41.♘c1 ♗xe2 42.♘xe2 ♘c7 43.♔d3 g6 44.♘d4 ♔d5 45.♘f3 1/2-1/2

168. * E04
Sasikiran, Krishnan (2635) - Michalik, Peter (2577)
Praha II 153/168, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 c5

5...♘c6 6.O-O ♖b8 7.b3 (7.♗e3 - 152/(168)) 7...cxb3 8.axb3 ♗e7 9.♗b2 O-O 10.♕c1 a6N (10...♘b4) 11.♖d1 ♗d7 12.♘c3 ♘b4 13.e4 ♖c8 14.♕f4 ♗e8 15.♗h3 (15.♖ac1⯹) 15...c6 (15...h6?! 16.d5±) 16.♖ac1 b5 17.d5?! (17.♘e2 a5 18.♕e3∞) 17...cxd5 18.exd5 ♘bxd5 19.♘xd5 ♘xd5 20.♖xc8 ♘xf4 21.♖cxd8 ♘xh3+ 22.♔g2 ♗xd8 23.♖xd8 ♗c6-+ Warmerdam,M (2613)-Abdusattorov,N (2661) Praha II 153/ (168) 2022

6.O-O ♘c6 7.♕a4 ♗d7 8.♕xc4 b5 9.♕c3 b4 10.♕d3 ♖c8 11.dxc5

11.♗f4 - 152/165

11...♗xc5 12.♗g5 O-O

12...h6

13.♘bd2 ♗e7 14.♖fd1 h6 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.♘e4 ♖c7N

16...♗xb2? 17.♖ab1+-; 16...♘b8

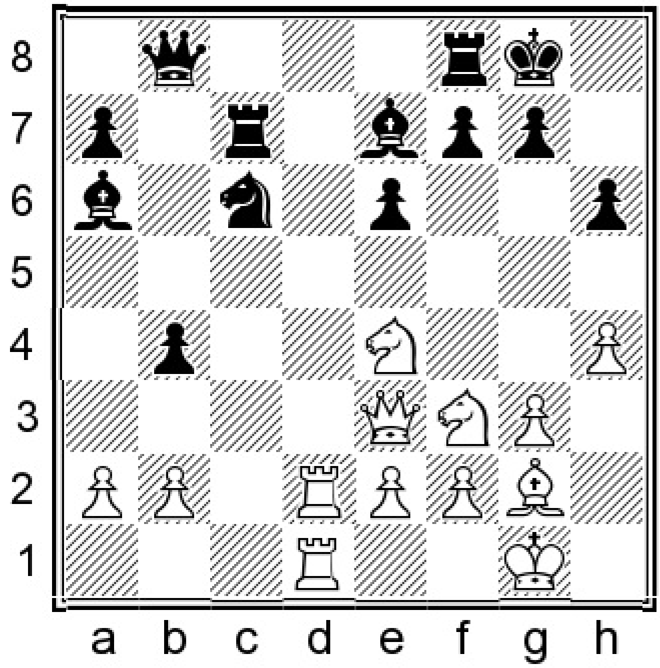
17.♖d2

17.♕c2!? ♗e7 18.♖ac1 ♖c8 19.♕b1 ♕c7 20.♘e5! ♕xe5 21.♖xd7 ♖cd8 22.♖xd8 ♘xd8 23.e3 ♘b7 24.♘d2 ♖d8 25.♘f3 ♕d6 26.♘d4±

17...♗e7 18.♖ad1 ♕b8 19.♕e3 ♗c8

19...♖d8! 20.♘d6 ♗e8 21.♘xe8 ♖xe8 22.h4 ♖d8 23.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 24.♘d2 ♘e7! 25.♕d3 ♘g6 26.♘c4 ♗f6= (26...♘f8 27.♕xd8 ♕xd8 28.♖xd8 ♖xc4=)

20.h4± ♗a6



20...♖d8 21.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 22.♘e5 ♗a6 23.♗f3 ♗b5 24.♘d6±

21.g4!→ b3

21...♖d8 22.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 23.g5±

22.axb3 ♗b4 23.♘c3 ♘e7

23...♕b6 24.♕xb6 axb6 25.e3 ♘a5 26.♘d4 ♗xc3 27.bxc3 ♖xc3 28.b4 ♘c4 29.b5 ♘xd2 30.bxa6+-

24.♘d4?!

24.♘e5! ♘d5 25.♗xd5 exd5 26.g5 hxg5 27.♖xd5→

24...♖fc8?

24...♕c8! 25.♕e5 ♖c5⇄

25.♘xe6 ♗xc3 26.bxc3 fxe6 27.♕xe6+ ♔h8 28.♕xa6 ♖xc3 29.♕e6 ♘g8 30.g5 ♖f8 31.e3 ♖xb3 32.♗e4 ♖b6 33.♖d6 ♖xd6 34.♕xd6 ♕b3 35.♖d2 ♕f7 36.♕g6 1-0

169. E05
Nihal, Sarin (2651) - Davtyan, Artur (2520)
Abu Dhabi 153/169, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.♘c3 dxc4 7.♘e5 ♘c6 8.♗xc6 bxc6 9.♘xc6 ♕e8 10.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 11.♕a4 c5 12.dxc5 ♕xc5 13.♗e3 ♕c7 14.O-O

14.O-O-O - 137/161

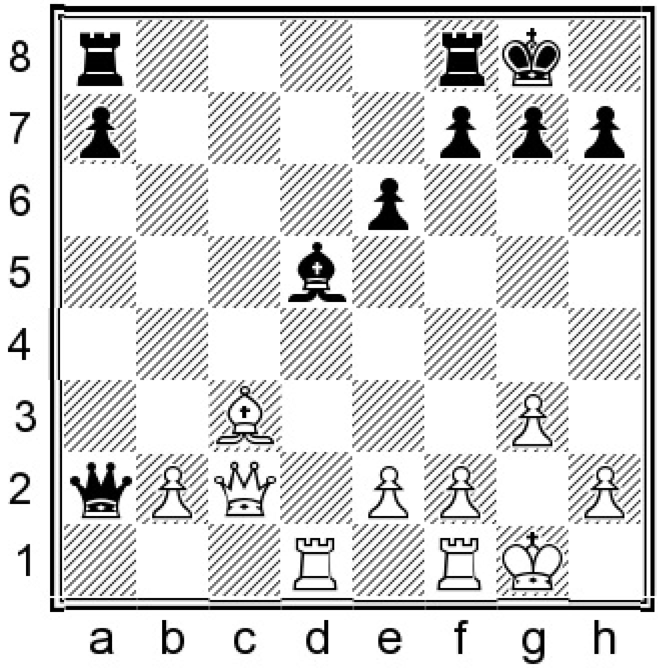
14...♗b7 15.♖ad1 ♘d5 16.♘xd5 ♗xd5 17.♗d4 c3N

17...♖fd8 18.♗c3±

18.♗xc3 ♕c4 19.♕c2

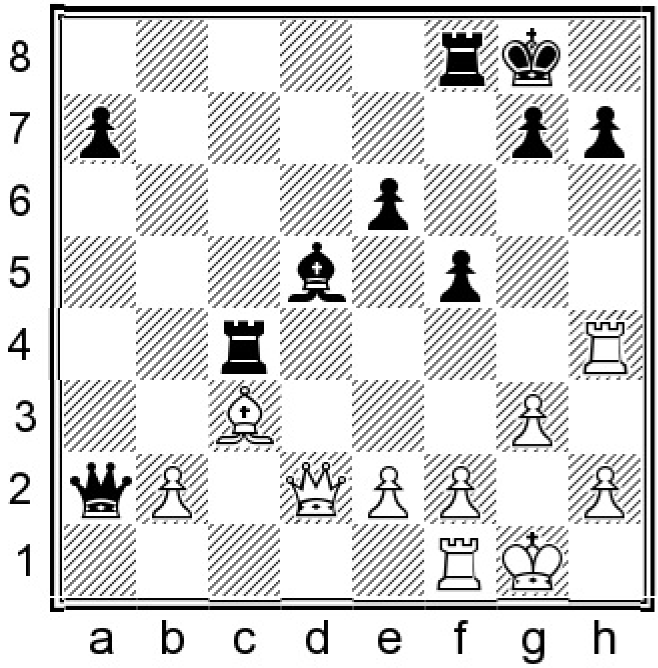
19.♕xc4 ♗xc4 20.♖d2 ♗xa2= (20...♖fd8!? 21.♖fd1 ♖xd2 22.♖xd2 ♗xa2 23.♖d7 h5 24.♖d4 ♖c8 25.♖a4 ♗c4 26.e4 a6=)

19...♕xa2



20.♖d4!→ ♖ac8 21.♖g4

21.♖h4!? h6 (21...f5 22.♕d2 ♖f7 (22...♖c4?



23.♗xg7! ♖xh4 (23...♔xg7 24.♕g5+ ♔f7 25.♖xh7+ ♔e8 26.♕e7#) 24.♗xf8 ♖c4 25.♗b4+-) 23.f3 ♕a6 24.♕e3 ♖b7 25.♔g2⩲) 22.♖g4! (22.♕d3 ♗c4 23.♕e4 ♗d5 24.♕g4 ♖xc3! 25.bxc3 f5 26.♕h5 ♕c2 27.e3 ♕xc3=∞) 22...e5 (22...f6? 23.♕g6 ♖f7 24.♗xf6+-) 23.♕d1! ♗a8 (23...f6 24.♖a4 ♕b3 25.♕xb3 ♗xb3 26.♖xa7 ♗c4 27.♖e1±) 24.♗xe5 ♖fd8 25.♖d4⩲

21...f6

21...e5 22.♗xe5! f6 (22...♖xc2? 23.♖xg7+ ♔h8 24.♖xf7+ ♔g8 25.♖g7+ ♔h8 26.♖g6+ ♖f6 27.♗xf6#; 22...g6 23.♕d2+-) 23.♗c3±

22.♖h4 f5

22...h6 23.♖xh6! (23.♕g6 ♖xc3! 24.bxc3 ♕xe2=∞ 25.♖xh6? ♕f3-+) 23...gxh6 24.♕g6+ ♔h8 25.♕xh6+ ♔g8 26.♕g6+ ♔h8 27.♗xf6+ ♖xf6 28.♕xf6+ ♔g8 29.♕g6+ ♔f8 30.e4 ♗c4 (30...♗b3 31.♕f6+ ♔g8 32.♔g2⩲) 31.♕f6+ ♔g8 32.♖c1!→

23.♕d2 ♖f7 24.♗e5

24.f3 h6 25.♕e3 ♕a6 26.♔f2 ♕b6 27.♖d4 ♔h7 28.♖g1 ♖c4 29.♖gd1 a6 30.h3 ♕b7 31.♕e5⩲

24...♕a6 25.f3 ♕b6+ 26.♗d4 ♕b3 27.♖c1 ♖xc1+

27...♖fc7 28.♖c3 (28.♖xc7 ♖xc7 29.♕g5 ♖d7 30.♕c1 ♗c4 31.♔f2⩲) 28...♕b7 29.♕g5 ♖xc3 30.♗xc3 ♕f7 31.♔f2±

28.♕xc1 ♕b8

28...h6 29.♔f2⩲

29.♕e3 h6 30.♔f2 ♔h7 31.♗e5 ♕b3 32.♕xb3

32.♗c3!? ♕b6 33.♕xb6 axb6 34.♖b4 ♖b7 35.♖a4 b5 36.♖a6⩲; 32.♕d2!? ♖b7 33.♗d4±

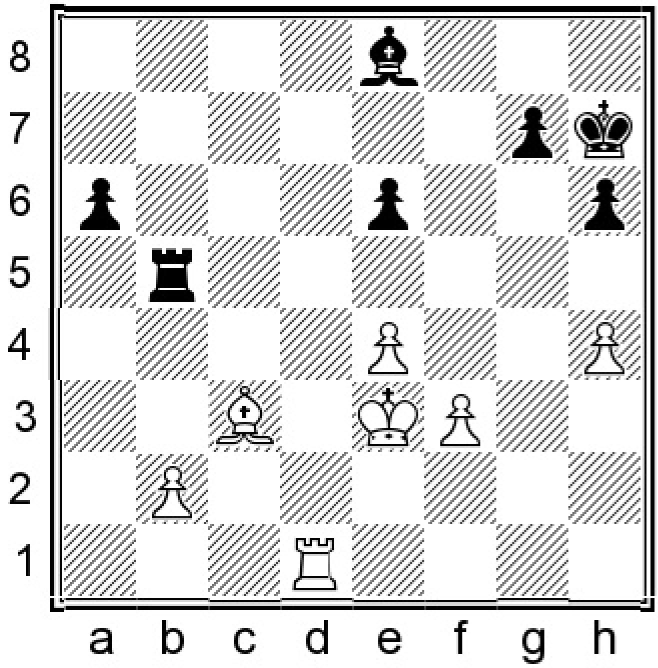
32...♗xb3 33.♖b4 ♗d5 34.h4 ♗c6 35.g4 fxg4

35...♖b7! 36.♖c4 ♗d5 37.♖f4 g5 38.♖a4⩲

36.♖xg4 ♗b5 37.♗c3 a6 38.♖g1 ♖d7 39.e4± ♖f7 40.♔e3 ♗e8 41.♖g3 ♗a4 42.♖g1 ♗e8 43.♗d4 ♖c7 44.♗e5 ♖b7 45.♖d1 ♖b5

45...♗b5 46.♖c1 a5 47.♖c5±

46.♗c3



46...♖h5?!

46...♖b6 47.♖d8 ♗b5 48.h5 ♖b7 49.♖c8 ♖e7 50.f4±

47.♖d6 ♗f7 48.♖xa6+- ♖xh4 49.♖a7 ♔g8 50.b4 ♖h5

50...♖h1 51.b5 ♖b1 52.♖b7 h5 53.♖b8+ ♔h7 54.♗e5

51.♖b7 ♖h3 52.b5 ♗h5 53.♖xg7+ ♔f8 54.b6 ♖xf3+ 55.♔d2 ♖f2+ 56.♔e1 ♖e2+

56...♖c2 57.♗b4+ ♔xg7 58.b7

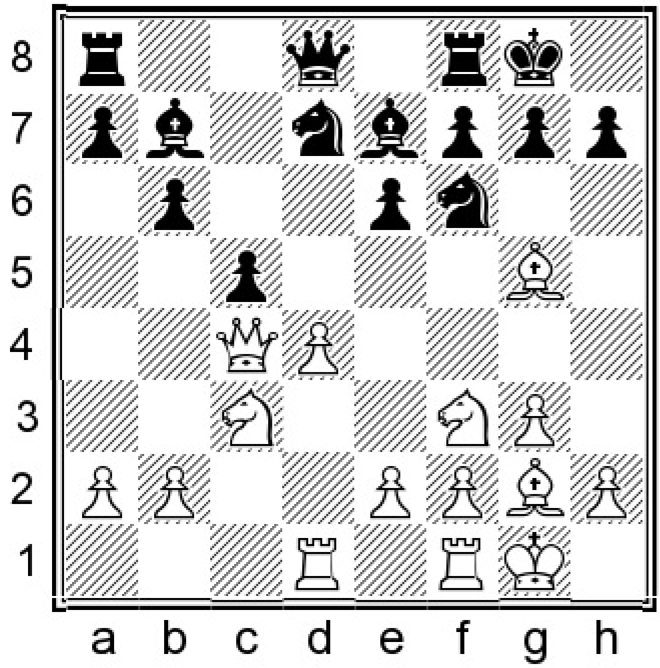
57.♔f1 ♖c2 58.b7 ♖c1+ 59.♔f2 ♖b1 60.♖c7 ♗e8 61.♗g7+ ♔g8 62.♗d4 1-0

170. E05
Stefansson, Hannes (2541) - Sethuraman, SP. (2623)
Chennai (ol) 153/170, 2022

1.d4 e6 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c4 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♕c2 b6 8.♕xc4 ♗b7 9.♘c3 c5

9...♘bd7 - 125/166

10.♗g5 ♘bd7 11.♖ad1



11.♖fd1

11...♘d5N

11...♕c8!? 12.♗xf6 (12.dxc5 ♗xc5 13.♕f4 h6 14.♗xf6 ♘xf6=) 12...♘xf6 13.dxc5 ♗xc5 14.♕f4 h6 15.♖d3 ♘h5 16.♕h4 ♘f6=; 11...h6!? 12.♗xf6 ♘xf6 13.dxc5 ♕c8 14.♘e5 ♗xc5 15.♕d3 ♗xg2 16.♔xg2 ♕c7!? (16...♕b7+ 17.♕f3 ♕xf3+ 18.♔xf3 ♖fc8 19.♘d3 ♘d7 20.♖c1 ♗d4 21.♘b5 ♘e5+=) 17.♘d7 ♘xd7 18.♕xd7 ♖fc8=

12.♗xe7

12.dxc5 ♖c8! (12...♗xg5 13.c6 ♖c8 14.♘xg5 ♗xc6 15.♗xd5 ♗xd5 16.♕f4 h6 17.♘ge4 (17.♘f3 ♗xf3 18.♕xf3 ♘e5 19.♕e4 ♕c7=) 17...♗xe4 18.♕xe4±) 13.♘xd5 ♗xd5 14.♕g4 ♗xg5 15.♘xg5 ♖xc5 16.♗xd5 exd5 17.♕f5 g6 18.♕f4 ♘f6 19.♘f3 ♖e8=

12...♕xe7= 13.♘e1 ♖ac8 14.♕a4

14.♘xd5 ♗xd5 15.♗xd5 exd5 16.♕xd5 ♕xe2 17.♘d3 ♘f6 18.♕e5 ♕g4 19.dxc5 ♖fe8 20.♕c3 ♘e4 21.♕a3 ♘g5 22.♘f4 ♖xc5 23.♕xa7 ♘f3+ 24.♔g2 ♘h4+ 25.♔g1 ♘f3+=

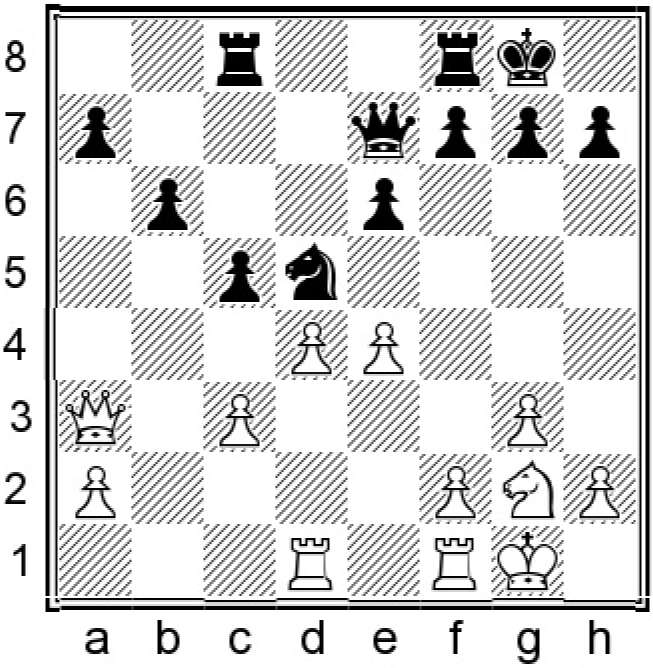
14...♘xc3∓ 15.bxc3 ♗xg2 16.♘xg2 ♘f6 17.♕a3

17.c4 h5 18.♘e3 ♖fd8 19.d5 exd5 20.cxd5 ♘e4→

17...♘d5

17...♖fe8!? 18.♕b3 ♕c7 19.♘e3 h5→

18.e4



18...cxd4! 19.♕xe7 ♘xe7 20.cxd4 ♖c2 21.♖c1 ♖xa2

21...♖fc8!? 22.♖xc2 ♖xc2 23.♘e3 ♖c3 24.♖d1 ♔f8 25.h4 ♔e8 26.♔g2 ♖a3∓

22.♖c7 ♘c8 23.e5

23.♖d7 b5 24.♘e3 b4∓

23...b5 24.♖b1 ♘b6 25.♘e3 ♖a5 26.♖c5?!

26.♖b7 h5∓

26...♖d8 27.d5 exd5 28.♘f5 a6 29.♖c7 ♖a4

29...♖d7 30.♖c6 ♖b7 31.♘d4 h5∓

30.♖b7 ♘c4-+ 31.♖e1 ♘a5 32.♖b6 g6 33.♘d6 ♘c4 34.♖c6

34.♘xc4 dxc4

34...d4 35.♘b7 ♖e8 36.♘c5 0-1

171. * E05
Meier, Georg (2613) - Suleymanli, Aydin (2537)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 153/171, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.O-O ♗e7 5.c4 O-O 6.d4 dxc4 7.♕c2 a6 8.♕xc4 b5 9.♕c2 ♗b7 10.♗g5 ♘bd7 11.♗xf6 ♘xf6 12.♘bd2 ♖c8 13.♘b3 ♗e4 14.♕c3 ♕d5

14...♘d5 15.♕d2 c5 16.dxc5 ♗xc5 17.♘xc5 ♖xc5 18.♖ac1 ♖xc1 19.♖xc1 ♕a8 20.♕d4 ♘f6 21.♘e1 (21.♕c5 - 63/(424)) 21...♖d8N (21...♗xg2!? 22.♘xg2 ♖c8=) 22.♗xe4 ♘xe4= Kulpruethanon,T (2282)-Wynn,Z (2508) Ha Long (rapid) 153/(171) 2022

15.♖fd1 ♖fd8 16.♕e1 ♗d6N

16...♕a8=

17.♖ac1 b4?!

17...h6 18.♕a5 ♕a8 19.♘c5 ♗xc5 20.♖xc5 ♕b7=

18.♕f1

18.♘bd2 ♗xf3 19.♗xf3 ♕xd4 20.♘c4 ♕a7 21.♘xd6 cxd6 22.♖xd6±

18...♕b5?!

18...a5!?±

19.e3 ♗d5

19...h6±

20.♘fd2± ♗xg2

20...♗f8±

21.♔xg2 ♕h5?

21...h5±

22.♘f3?!

22.e4 e5 23.♘f3±

22...♕d5 23.♕xa6?!

23.♕c4 ♕a8 24.♕c6±

23...♖a8 24.♕c4 ♖xa2 25.♕xd5 exd5 26.♖c2 g6

26...h5!?±

27.h3 ♔g7 28.♘e5 ♖da8

28...h5!? 29.h4 ♗xe5 30.dxe5 ♘g4±

29.♘d3 ♘e4

29...g5!?±

30.♖dc1 h5 31.♘f4?!

31.h4 ♖e8 32.♖c6 ♖e6 33.♖1c2 ♔g8 34.♖e2 ♔g7±

31...♘f6

31...♗xf4!? 32.gxf4 ♖8a6 33.♖b1 c6=

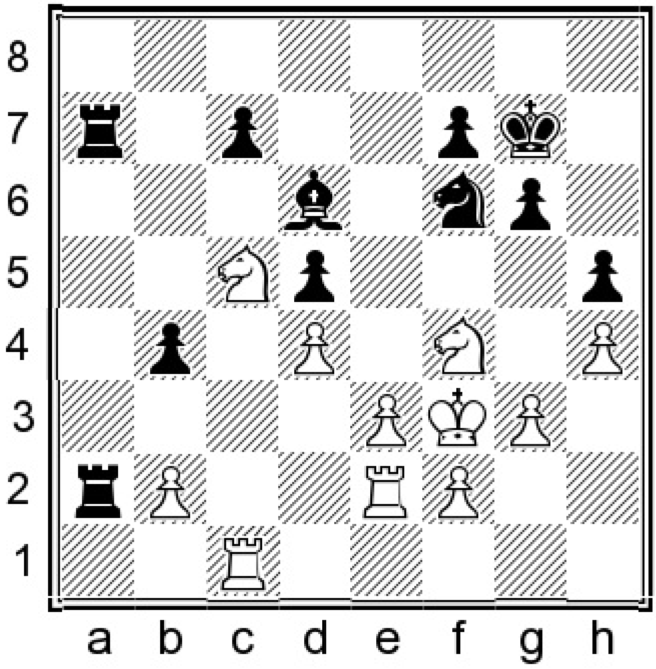
32.h4 ♔g8

32...♗xf4 33.gxf4 ♘e4=

33.♔f3

33.♘d3!?±

33...♔g7 34.♖e2 ♖8a6 35.♘c5 ♖a7?



35...♗xc5 36.♖xc5 c6±

36.♘fd3! ♖a1

36...♖2a5!?±

37.♖xa1 ♖xa1 38.♘xb4

38.♖c2+-

38...♖g1

⌓38...♗xc5 39.dxc5 ♖a4 40.♘c6 ♘d7 41.♖d2 ♘xc5 42.♖xd5 ♘e6±

39.♖c2+- ♔h6 40.♘bd3 ♘g4 41.♘f4

41.♘b7!?

41...♘h2+ 42.♔e2 c6 43.♘cd3 ♘g4 44.♖xc6 ♗e7 45.♘xd5 ♖h1 46.♘xe7 1-0

172. * E05**
Gupta, Abhijeet (2606) - Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2671)
Sharjah 153/172, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♕c2 a6 8.♕xc4 b5 9.♕c2 ♗b7 10.♗d2 ♗e4 11.♕c1 c6 12.a4 ♘bd7 13.♘c3

13.♗e3 ♖c8 14.♘bd2 ♗d5 15.axb5 cxb5 16.♕b1 a5↑

13...♗g6 14.♘h4

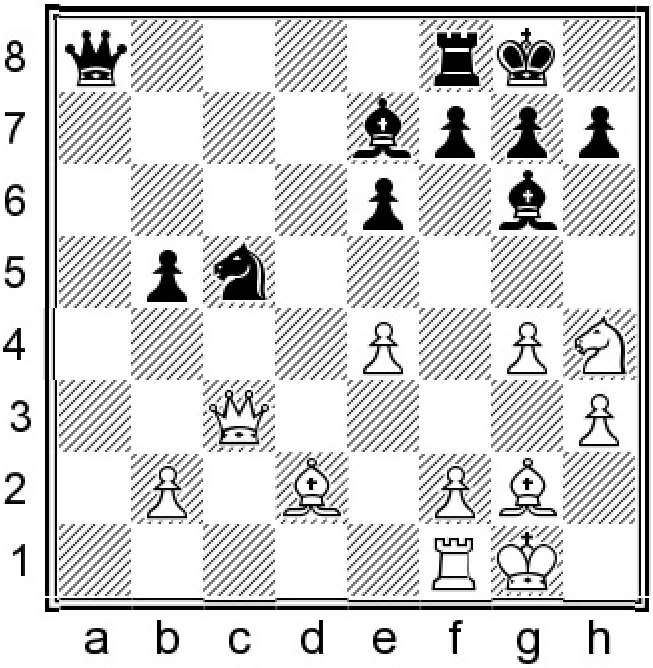
14.♘e5 ♘xe5 15.dxe5 ♘d5 16.axb5 axb5 17.♘xd5 cxd5 18.♖xa8 ♕xa8 19.♕c7 ♖e8 20.♖c1 ♗f8 21.♗f3 ♕a2 (21...b4 22.♔g2 b3 23.♖c6±) 22.♗c3 b4 23.♗d4 b3 24.♖c6 ♕b1+ 25.♔g2 ♕d1 26.♗e3 ♗e4!=

14...♗h5 15.h3

15.♗f3 b4 16.♘a2 ♗xf3 17.♘xf3 c5 18.a5 (18.♖d1 a5∓) 18...♘e4↑; 15.♕e1 b4 16.♘a2 a5! 17.♗xc6 ♖c8 18.♗f3 e5!?⯹; 15.♖e1 b4 16.♘a2 c5 17.dxc5 a5 18.c6 ♘c5⇄

15...b4

15...♘d5 16.♘f3 (16.axb5 axb5 17.♘xd5 (17.♖xa8 ♕xa8 18.e4 ♘xc3 (18...♘b4 - 141/(167)) 19.♕xc3 c5 20.dxc5 ♘xc5 21.g4 ♗g6



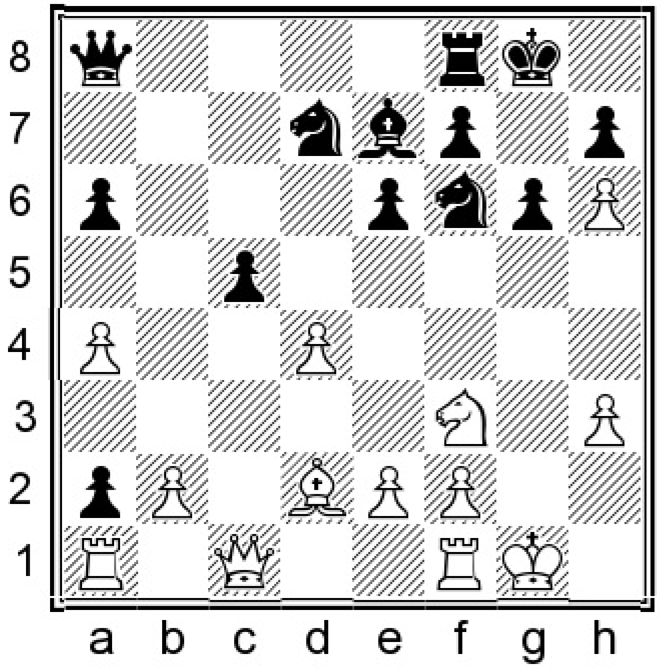
22.♘f5!? (22.♘xg6 hxg6 23.♗e3 ♘a4 24.♕b3 ♕b8 25.♖d1 ♗f6 26.♖d2 ♖c8 27.♗f1 ♘xb2!? 28.♖xb2 ♗xb2 29.♕xb2 b4 30.♗d3 b3⇄) 22...exf5 23.exf5 ♕d8 24.♖d1 ♗xf5 25.gxf5 ♕d7 26.♕c2 ♖d8 27.♗f3 ♕d3=) 17...cxd5 18.♗f3 ♗xf3 19.♘xf3 ♕b6 20.♖xa8 (20.♕c2 ♘f6 21.♖fc1 ♘e4 22.♗f4 h6 23.h4 ♖a4=) 20...♖xa8 21.♕c2 ♘f6 22.♗g5 h6 23.♗xf6 ♗xf6 24.e3 g6 25.♖c1 ♔g7 26.♔g2 ♖a4N 27.b3 ♖a8 28.♘e1 b4 29.♘d3 ♕b5 30.h4 h5 31.♘f4 ♕b7 32.♕c7 ♕xc7 33.♖xc7 ♔f8 34.♖b7 ♗e7= Banusz,T (2610)-Svane,R (2625) Danmark 153/(172) 2022) 16...♗g6 (16...b4 17.♘e4 (17.♘xd5 cxd5 18.♕c6 a5 19.♖fc1 ♖c8 20.♕b5 ♖b8=) 17...a5 18.♘c5 ♗xf3 19.♗xf3 ♗xc5 20.dxc5 f5 21.♗f4 e5⇄) 17.axb5 axb5 18.♘xd5 cxd5 19.♖xa8 ♕xa8 20.♕c7 ♖d8 21.♖c1± b4?N (21...h6) 22.♘e5+- Mareco,S (2643)-Barria Santos,J (2363) Mexico City 153/(172) 2022

16.♘a2 c5

16...a5!? 17.g4 ♘d5 18.gxh5 ♗xh4 19.♕xc6 ♘7f6! (19...♖c8 20.♕b5±) 20.h6 (20.♗f3 ♖c8 21.♕b5 ♘e7! 22.♘c1 ♖c2 23.♘b3 ♖xb2∞) 20...g5!? 21.♕b5 ♖c8 22.e4 ♘f4 23.♗xf4 gxf4 24.♕e2 ♔h8⇄

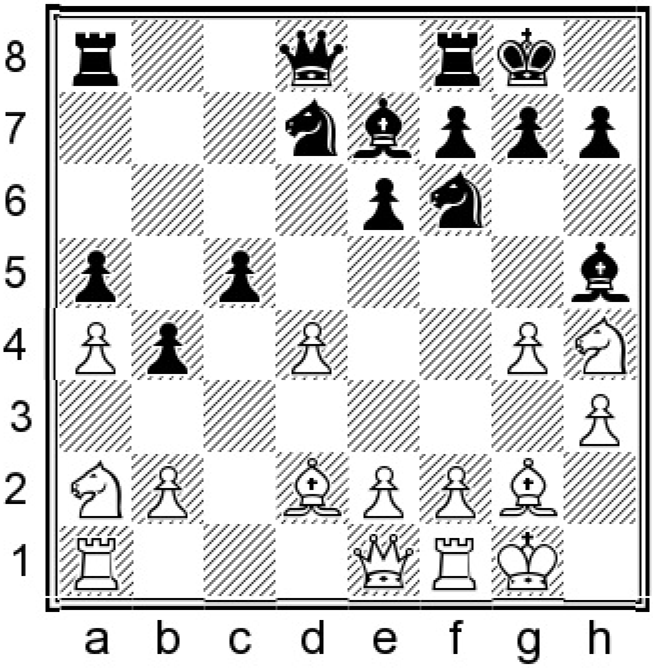
17.♕e1N - 153/172

17.♗xa8 ♕xa8 18.dxc5 a5 19.g4 ♖c8 20.gxh5 ♖xc5 21.♕d1 ♘e4 22.♗e3 ♖d5 23.♕c2 ♗xh4 24.♖ad1 h6! 25.♕xe4 ♖g5+ 26.♗xg5 ♕xe4 27.♗xh4 ♘e5 28.♗g3 ♕xe2 29.♗xe5 ♕xe5 30.♘c1 ♕xb2∞; 17.dxc5 a5 18.♗g5 ♗xe2 19.♖e1 ♗h5 20.c6 ♖c8 21.♕e3 ♘c5!? 22.♗xf6 gxf6 23.♘c1 ♕d6∞; 17.g4N b3! 18.gxh5 bxa2 19.h6 g6 20.♗xa8 ♕xa8 21.♘f3



21...♕d5?! (21...cxd4! 22.b4 ♕d5 23.♕a3 ♘e4 24.♕xa2 ♕f5 25.♔g2 ♗f6⇄) 22.dxc5 ♘xc5 23.♗g5 ♘ce4 24.♖d1 ♕f5 25.♕f4 ♕xh3 26.♖d3? (26.♗h4! e5 27.♘xe5 ♕e6 28.♖d4!±) 26...♘xg5 27.♘xg5 ♕h5 28.♘f3 ♘d5∓ Yuffa,D (2597)-Narayanan,S (2662) Sharjah 153/(172) 2022

17...a5 18.g4



18.♗xa8 ♕xa8 19.dxc5 ♘xc5 20.♗e3 ♘fd7 21.♘c1 g5!? 22.g4 gxh4 (22...♗xg4 23.hxg4 gxh4 24.f3∞) 23.gxh5 ♔h8 24.♔h2 ♗f6 25.♕d1 ♕e4⩱

18...♘d5! 19.♘f3

19.gxh5 ♗xh4 20.e4 ♘5b6 21.dxc5 ♘c4∓

19...♗g6 20.♘c1

20.e4 ♘5f6 21.♘e5 ♘xe5 22.dxe5 ♘xe4∓

20...♗e4 21.dxc5

21.♘d3 c4∓; 21.e3 f5∓

21...♘xc5 22.♘e5 ♗f6

22...f5!?∓

23.♘cd3 ♘xd3 24.exd3 ♗xg2 25.♔xg2 ♘b6

25...♖c8 26.♘c4 ♘b6 27.♘xa5 ♕xd3∓

26.♗f4 ♗xe5 27.♕xe5 ♕xd3 28.♖fd1 ♕g6 29.b3 ♘d5 30.♗e3 ♖fc8

30...f5 31.♖d4 h5 32.g5 f4-+

31.♗d4 ♖c6 32.♗b2 f6 33.♕d4 ♖d8

33...♖c2 34.♖ac1 h5-+

34.♔h2 ♖dc8

34...e5 35.♕a7 ♖cd6 36.♕c5 (36.♕xa5 ♕c2-+) 36...♕e4-+

35.♖d2 ♖c2 36.♖ad1 ♖xd2 37.♖xd2 ♖c2 38.f3

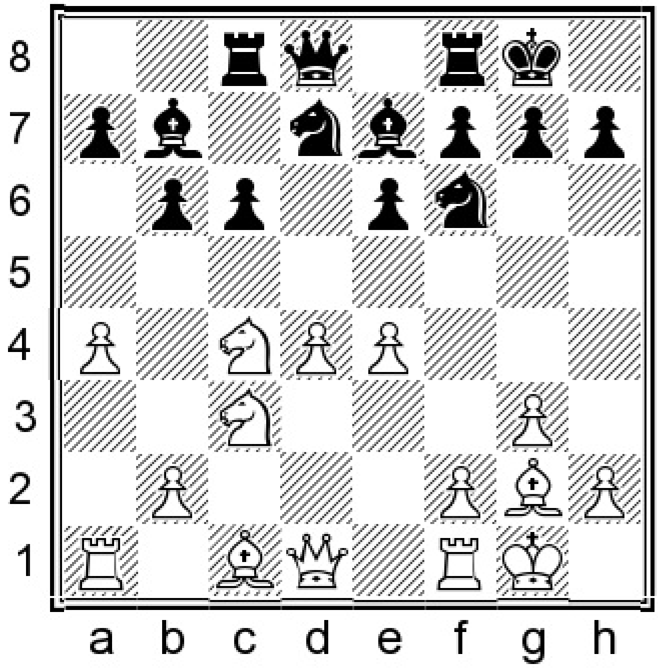
38.f4 ♖xd2+ 39.♕xd2 ♕e4-+

38...h5 39.gxh5 ♖xd2+ 40.♕xd2 ♕xh5 41.♔g3 ♕g6+ 42.♔f2 ♔f7 43.h4 ♕b1 44.♔g3 ♕g1+ 45.♔h3 ♕h1+ 46.♔g3 ♕b1 47.♔f2 ♔g6 48.♕d4 ♕c2+ 49.♔g3 ♕xb3 50.h5+ ♔f7 51.♕a7+ ♘e7 52.♗d4 ♕xa4 53.♗c5 ♕e8 54.♔g2 b3 55.♗a3 a4 56.♕b7 ♕d8 57.♔f2 ♔e8 58.♕b5+ ♕d7 59.♕b8+ ♔f7 60.♕b4 ♔g8 61.♕g4 0-1

173. * !N E06
Donchenko, Alexander (2640) - Omelja, Artem (2478)
Ceske Budejovice 153/173, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.c4 ♗e7 5.d4 O-O 6.♘c3 c6 7.O-O b6 8.♘e5 ♗b7 9.e4 dxc4 10.♘xc4 b5

10...♘bd7 11.a4 (11.♖e1 - 16/505) 11...♖c8



12.♗f4!N (12.♕b3) 12...♖e8 13.♕b3 ♘f8 14.♖fd1 ♘g6 15.♗g5 ♖c7 16.e5 ♘d5 17.♗xe7 ♘gxe7 18.a5 (18.♘e4±) 18...b5 19.♘d6 ♖f8 20.♘xd5 exd5 21.♖ac1 ♗c8 22.♕c3 a6 23.♕c5 f6 24.♖e1 fxe5 25.♖xe5 ♘g6 26.♖e3 ♕f6 27.♖f3 ♕g5 28.♖xf8+ ♘xf8 29.♗xd5++- Harsha,B (2557)-Yakubbaeva,N (2299) Abu Dhabi 153/(173) 2022

11.♘e3 ♘bd7

11...b4 - 10/574

12.♕c2 ♕b6N

12...a5?! 13.♖d1 a4 14.♖b1 ♕b8 15.b4 axb3 16.axb3 ♖d8 17.♗b2 ♗f8 18.♘e2 ♖c8 19.♖bc1 c5 20.d5±; 12...♖c8 13.e5 ♘d5 14.a3 ♕b6 15.♕e4 ♕a6 16.♗d2 ♘7b6 17.b4 ♖fd8 18.♖fc1 ♘xc3 19.♗xc3 h6 20.♕g4 ♖c7 21.♗d2 ♖cd7 22.♘c2±

13.♖d1 a6

13...c5 14.e5 ♘e8 15.dxc5 ♘xc5 16.b4 ♘a6 17.a3 ♗xg2 18.♘xg2 ♘b8 19.♘e4 ♕c7 20.♕d3±

14.b3

14.a4!? ♖fd8 15.a5 ♕a7 (15...♕c7 16.e5! ♘e8 17.f4±) 16.b3±

14...♖ac8

14...c5 15.d5±

15.♗b2 ♖fd8 16.♕e2 ♖e8

16...a5 17.e5! ♘d5 18.♘exd5 exd5 (18...cxd5?! 19.♕xb5±) 19.f4 a4 20.♖ac1 ♗f8 21.♕f3 a3 22.♗a1 b4 23.♘a4±

17.♖ac1 ♗f8

17...c5 18.d5 ♗f8 19.♖c2! h6 20.♖cd2 exd5 21.♘cxd5 ♘xd5 22.♘xd5 ♗xd5 23.♖xd5 ♘f6 24.♖5d2 c4 25.bxc4 bxc4 26.♖c2±

18.h4!?±

18.e5 ♘d5 19.♘e4 ♘xe3 20.♕xe3 a5 21.h4 ♗e7 22.h5 h6 23.g4 b4 24.♔h2 ♕d8 25.♘c5±

18...e5 19.d5 ♗c5 20.dxc6 ♗xc6 21.♘cd5 ♗xd5

21...♘xd5 22.♘xd5 ♗xd5 23.exd5 ♖cd8 24.d6! ♘f6 25.b4 ♗xd6 26.♖c6 ♕b8 27.♖xa6 ♗xb4 28.♖xd8 ♕xd8 29.♗c6 ♖f8 30.♕xe5+-

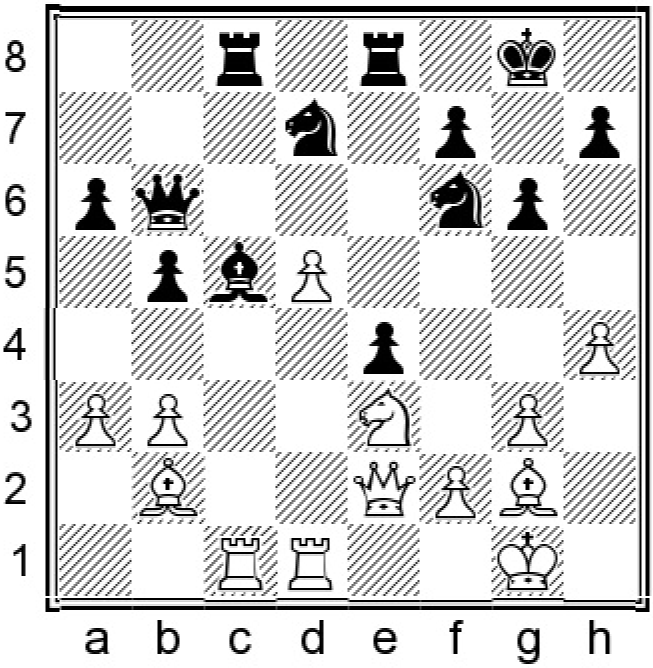
22.exd5

22.♘xd5 ♘xd5 23.exd5 ♖cd8 24.d6!

22...g6 23.a3

23.♗h3!? ♗d4 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.♗xd4 exd4 26.♗xd7 ♘xd7 27.♘c2 ♕d6 28.♖xd4±

23...e4?



23...h5 24.♕d2 ♗xe3 25.♕xe3 ♕xe3 26.fxe3 ♘g4 27.♗h3±

24.♗h3! ♖cd8

24...♗xe3 25.♕xe3 ♕xe3 26.fxe3 ♖xc1 27.♖xc1 ♘e5 28.d6+-

25.b4

25.♗xd7 ♘xd7 26.♘g4 h5 27.♘h6+ ♔f8 28.b4 ♗d6 29.♖c6 ♕b8 30.f4!± (30.♖xa6±)

25...♗xe3 26.♕xe3 ♕xe3 27.fxe3 ♘e5 28.d6+- ♘fd7 29.♗xd7 ♘xd7 30.♖c6 ♖a8 31.♖c7 ♖ed8 32.g4 f6 33.g5 f5 34.h5!?

34.♗f6 ♘xf6 35.gxf6 a5 36.♖g7+ ♔h8 37.d7 axb4 38.axb4 ♖a6 39.♖e7

34...gxh5 35.♖d5 ♔f7 36.♖e5 1-0

174. E07
Harikrishna, Penteala (2720) - Mastrovasilis, Dimitrios (2599)
Chennai (ol) 153/174, 2022

1.c4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 ♗e7 5.O-O O-O 6.d4 c6 7.♘c3 ♘bd7 8.♕d3 b6 9.b3 a5 10.e4 ♗a6 11.e5 ♘e8 12.a4

12.h4 - 121/171

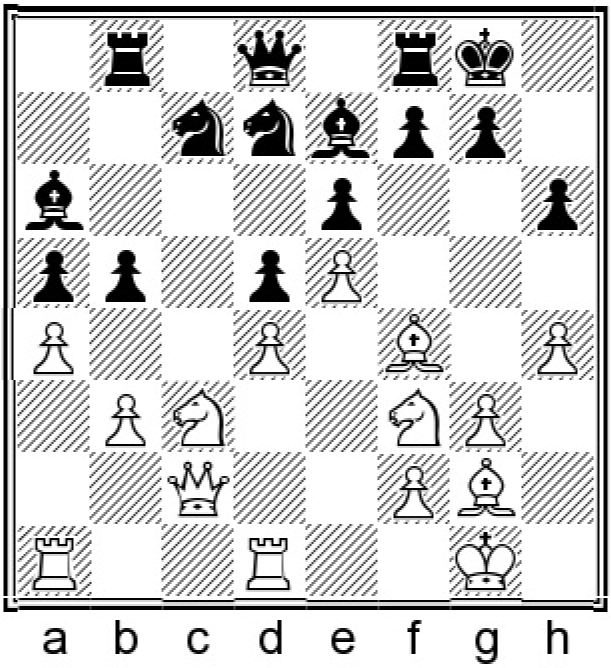
12...♘c7 13.♖d1

13.♕e2!? ♖b8 14.♖d1 ♗b4 15.♘a2 ♗e7 16.h4!?±

13...h6N

13...♖e8

14.h4 ♖b8 15.♗f4 b5 16.cxb5 cxb5 17.♕c2



17.♕e3 bxa4 18.♘xa4 ♖b4 19.♖dc1 ♕b8∞

17...♖c8

17...bxa4!? 18.♘xa4 ♘b5 19.♕d2 (19.♕d3 ♕c8! 20.♖dc1 ♕b7 21.♕e3 ♖fc8 22.♘c5 (22.♗xh6 ♖xc1+ 23.♖xc1 gxh6 24.♕xh6 ♖c8 25.♘c5 ♘xc5 26.dxc5 ♘a7! 27.♘g5 ♗d3∓) 22...♘xc5 23.dxc5 ♘a7! 24.♖xa5 ♘c6 25.♖aa1 ♘b4 26.♖c3 ♗b5 27.g4 (27.♗xh6 gxh6 28.♕xh6 ♗d3 29.♖d1 ♗g6 30.h5 ♗e4 31.♘h2 ♗f5∞) 27...♖a8⯹; 19.♗f1 ♕c8 20.♖dc1 ♕xc2 21.♖xc2 ♖fc8 22.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 23.♗d2 ♘a7 24.♗xa5 ♖xb3 25.♘d2 ♖a3=) 19...♘a3 20.♕a2 ♗b4 21.♗d2 ♕e7 22.♗xb4 axb4 23.♕d2 ♗b5 24.♘b2 ♘c4! 25.bxc4 dxc4 26.♕c2 ♖fc8 27.♖dc1 c3 28.♘d1 ♘b6 29.♘e1 ♘c4 30.♘xc3 bxc3 31.♕xc3 ♕d8 32.d5 ♘b6 33.♕b2 ♖xc1 34.♖xc1 ♘xd5=; 17...♕c8! 18.♖dc1 ♕b7 19.axb5 ♘xb5 20.♘xb5 ♕xb5 21.♗f1 ♕b6 22.♗xa6 ♕xa6 23.♕c7 ♖fd8 24.♕xa5 (24.♖xa5 ♕e2 25.♔g2 ♖xb3⇄) 24...♕xa5 25.♖xa5 ♖xb3 26.♔g2=

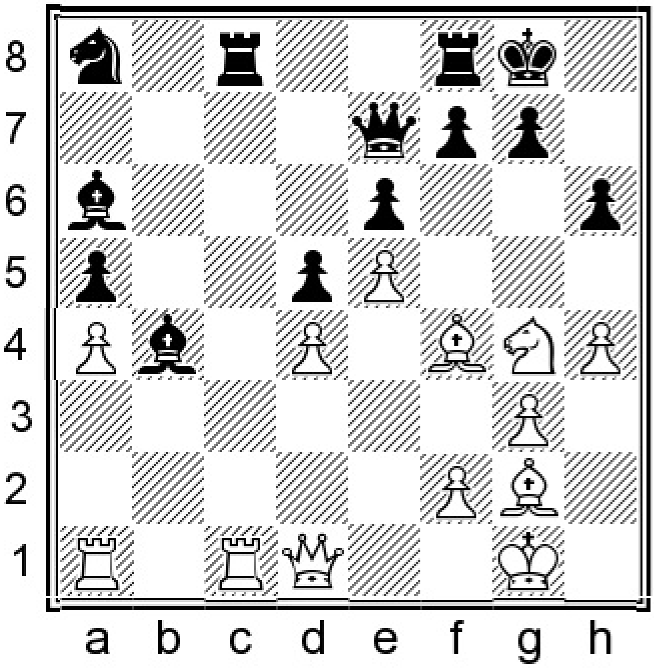
18.♖dc1 ♗b4

18...bxa4 19.♘xa4 ♘b5 20.♕d1 ♘a7 21.♘h2!±

19.♕d1± ♘b6 20.♘h2 bxa4

20...♔h8 21.♘g4 bxa4 22.♘xa4 ♘xa4 23.bxa4 ♗c4 24.♗f1 ♘e8 25.♘e3 ♗xf1 26.♔xf1±

21.♘xa4 ♘xa4 22.bxa4 ♕e7 23.♘g4± ♘a8?



23...♖fd8 24.♖c6±

24.♗xh6!+- gxh6 25.♘f6+ ♔g7 26.♕g4+ ♔h8 27.♕f4 ♔g7 28.♗xd5 ♗d3

28...♖xc1+ 29.♖xc1 exd5 30.♘h5+ ♔h7 31.♖c6

29.♘h5+ ♔h7 30.♗e4+ 1-0

175. ** !N E08
Giri, Anish (2761) - Topalov, Veselin (2730)
Stavanger (Armageddon) 153/175, 2022

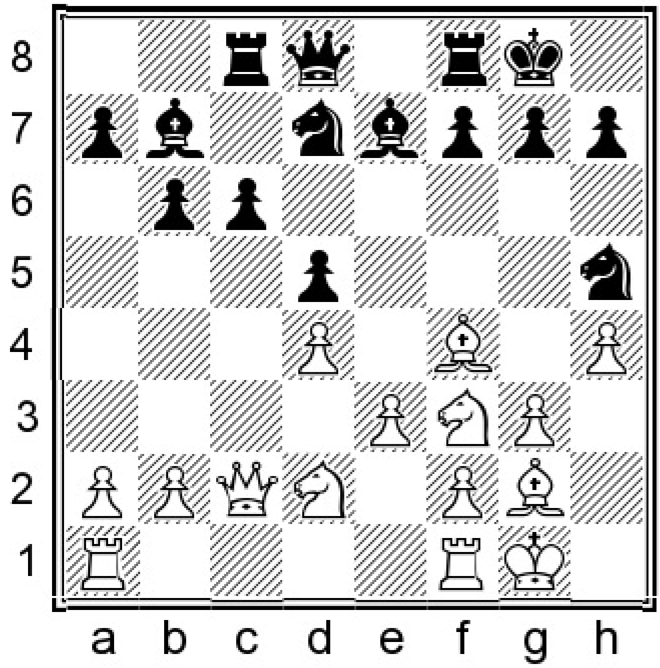
1.d4

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.d4 ♗e7 5.c4 O-O 6.♕c2 c5 7.dxc5 d4 8.b4 (8.O-O - 131/(168)) 8...a5 9.♗b2 axb4 10.♘xd4 ♗xc5 11.♘b3 (11.e3 e5 (11...♖e8!? 12.O-O e5 13.♘b3 ♗f8⇄) 12.♘b3 ♗d6 13.O-O ♘c6 14.c5 ♗c7 15.♘1d2 ♗e6 16.♘c4 ♕e7=) 11...♗e7 12.O-O ♕c7 13.♘d4N (13.♘1d2) 13...♗d7 14.a3 ♘a6 15.axb4 ♘xb4 16.♕b3 ♖xa1 17.♗xa1 ♘c6 18.♘xc6 ♗xc6 19.♘d2 ♗xg2 20.♔xg2 ♕c6+= Zhou,J (2586)-Tang,A (2505) Rockville 153/(175) 2022

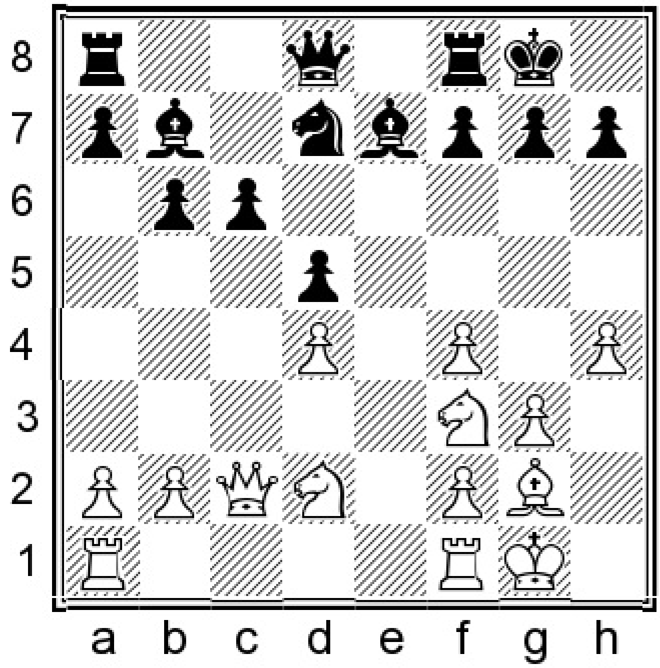
1...♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O ♘bd7 8.♕c2 c6 9.♗f4 b6 10.♘bd2 ♘h5 11.e3 ♗b7 12.cxd5 exd5

12...♘xf4 - 152/ 174

13.h4 ♖c8N



13...♘xf4 - 153/(175) 14.exf4



14...c5!N (14...♖c8) 15.♖ad1 ♖c8 16.♖fe1 ♘f6 17.♘b1 cxd4 18.♕d3 ♘e4 19.♘xd4 ♗f6 20.♘b5 ♕e7 21.♘1c3 ♕c5⇄ 22.♗xe4 (22.♘xe4 dxe4 23.♕b3 ♖cd8 24.♖xd8 ♖xd8 25.♗xe4 ♖d2=) 22...dxe4 23.♘xe4 ♗xe4 24.♖xe4 ♖cd8 25.♘d6 ♖d7 26.b4 ♕c7 27.♖c4 ♕b8 28.♖c6 ♖fd8 29.♕f5 ♗e7 30.♖c8? (30.♕xf7+ ♔h8 31.h5! ♖xd6 (31...♗xd6? 32.♕e6+-; 31...h6 32.♘f5 ♖xd1+ 33.♔h2 ♗f8 34.♖xh6+= (34.♘xh6 ♗xb4 35.♕g8+ ♖xg8 36.♘f7+ ♔h7 37.♘g5+=)) 32.♖cxd6 ♗xd6 (32...♖xd6? 33.♖e1+-) 33.h6 ♗f8 (33...gxh6 34.♕f6+ ♔g8 35.♖d4 ♕c7 36.f5 h5 37.♕g5+ ♔f8 38.♕f6+=) 34.hxg7+ ♗xg7 35.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 36.♕xa7=) 30...♖xd6 0-1 (30) Jacobson,B (2544)-Liang,A (2625) USA (ch) 153/(175) 2022

14.♘b1! ♘xf4 15.exf4 c5 16.♘c3 ♘f6 17.♖ad1 a6

17...cxd4 18.♘xd4 ♗c5 19.♕d3! ♕d7 20.a3 a5 21.♘f3 ♖fd8 22.♘e5±

18.dxc5

18.♘e5 c4 19.♖fe1 b5 20.a3 ♖c7 21.g4 b4 22.axb4 ♗xb4 23.♖e3 ♔h8 24.g5 ♘h5 25.♘e2 g6⇄

18...♖xc5

18...♗xc5 19.♘e5 ♗b4 20.♖d3!? (20.♕b3 ♗xc3 21.bxc3 ♕c7 22.♖d4 ♕xc3 23.♕xb6 ♖c7 24.♖fd1±) 20...♕d6 21.a3 ♗xc3 22.♖xc3 ♖xc3 23.♕xc3 d4 24.♕d3 ♗xg2 25.♔xg2 ♖d8 26.♖d1 b5 27.♕f3±

19.♖fe1 ♖e8

19...b5 20.♕b3 ♗d6 21.♘e5 ♕a8±

20.♕b3 h6 21.♘d4

21.♘e5 ♗d6 22.a3 b5 23.a4!± (23.♘xd5 ♘xd5 24.♗xd5 ♗xd5 25.♖xd5 ♖xd5 26.♕xd5 ♗xe5 27.♕xd8 ♖xd8 28.fxe5 ♖d2 29.b4 ♖a2 30.♖e3±)

21...♗f8 22.♖xe8 ♘xe8 23.♘c2 ♘f6 24.♘e3 b5 25.♘cxd5 ♘xd5 26.♗xd5 ♕c7

26...♗xd5 27.♘xd5 ♕c8 28.a3 ♖c1 29.♔g2 ♕c2 30.♕xc2 ♖xc2 31.b4 ♖a2 (31...g6 32.f5!? gxf5 33.♖d3±) 32.♖d3±

27.♗xb7

27.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 28.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 29.♖d7++-

27...♕xb7 28.♘d5 ♕c6 29.♕f3 ♖c2 30.a3 ♗c5 31.b4 ♗f8 32.♔g2+- ♕c4 33.♘e3 1-0

176. E08
Theodorou, Nikolas (2567) - Yu, Yangyi (2710)
Saint Louis 153/176, 2022

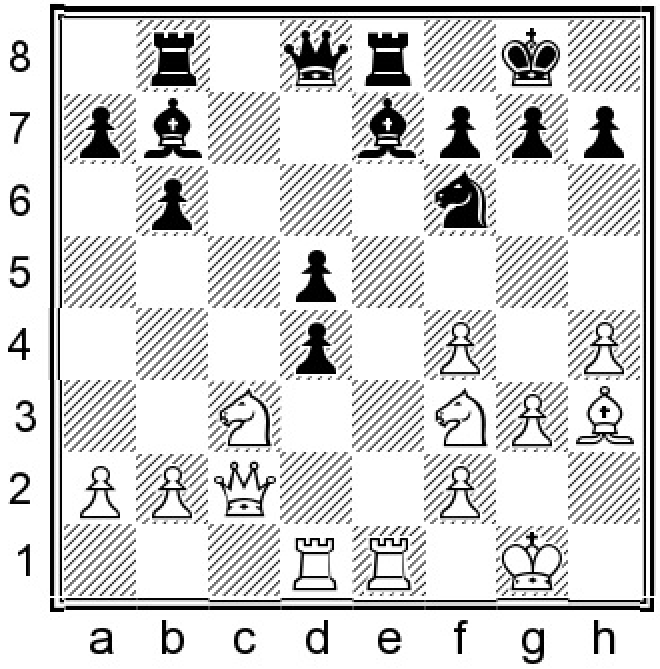
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O c6 7.♕c2 b6 8.♗f4 ♗b7 9.♘bd2 ♘h5 10.e3 ♘d7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.h4 ♖e8N

12...♖c8 - 153/175

13.♖ad1 ♖c8 14.♘b1! ♘xf4 15.exf4 c5 16.♘c3 ♘f6 17.♗h3⩲

17.♘e5!? cxd4 18.♖xd4 ♗c5 19.♖d2 ♗b4 20.♕a4 ♗xc3 21.bxc3 ♕c7 (21...♖xc3?! 22.♕xa7±) 22.♖c1±

17...♖b8 18.♖fe1 cxd4



19.♘xd4

19.♘b5! a5 20.a3 ♗c8 21.♗xc8 ♕xc8 22.♕d3 ♗c5 23.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 24.♖e1 (24.♘bxd4±) 24...♕c8 25.♔g2 ♘e4 26.♖d1± (26.♘bxd4? ♕h3+!∓)

19...♗c5 20.♖e5 a6 21.♘a4 ♘e4

21...♕d6!? 22.♘xc5 bxc5 23.♘f5 ♕c7 24.b4 g6 25.♘e3 c4∞

22.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 23.♗g2 g6 24.♘xc5 bxc5 25.♘f3 ♕e7 26.h5

26.♖e1 ♕d6 27.h5! gxh5 28.♘h4±

26...♘f6

⌓26...gxh5 27.♖e1=∞

27.hxg6

27.♖e1!? ♕d6 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.f5→

27...hxg6 28.f5→ ♕e4 29.♕xc5 ♕xf5 30.♕c7 ♕c8 31.♕f4 ♕d8 32.♘d4?!

32.♘e5! ♖c8 33.♖d3 ♕d6 34.♖b3 ♖e8 35.♘xg6 ♖e1+ 36.♗f1 ♕xf4 37.♘xf4±

32...♖c8 33.♗f3 ♘e4 34.♔g2 ♕f6 35.♕xf6 ♘xf6 36.♗e2 a5 37.f3 ♔f8 38.♔f2 ♘e8 39.♖d3± ♘d6 40.♖a3 ♘c4 41.♗xc4

41.♖b3±

41...dxc4 42.♖xa5 c3 43.bxc3 ♖xc3 44.♖b5 ♖d3 45.♖b4 ♗d5 46.a4 ♔e7 47.♔e2 1/2-1/2

177. E11
Megaranto, Susanto (2529) - Carlsen, Magnus (2864)

Chennai (ol) 153/177, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.c4 ♗b4+ 4.♗d2 a5 5.a3 ♗xd2+ 6.♘bxd2

6.♕xd2 - 56/ (574)

6...d6 7.e3 ♕e7 8.♗d3

8.♗e2

8...e5 9.♕c2

9.c5 O-O (9...e4 10.cxd6 cxd6 11.♕c2! ♗f5 12.♗b5+ ♘bd7 13.O-O h6 14.d5 O-O 15.♘d4 ♗g6 16.♗xd7 ♕xd7 17.♖ac1 ♖fc8 18.♘c4 ♘xd5 19.♕b3 ♖a6 20.♕b5=∞) 10.♕c2 ♗g4 11.♖c1 ♗xf3! 12.cxd6 cxd6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.gxf3 ♘bd7 15.O-O g6 16.♕c7 b6 17.♗b5 ♖fd8 18.♖fd1 ♔g7 19.♘e4 ♘xe4 20.♖xd7 (20.fxe4? ♖ac8 21.♕xc8 ♖xc8 22.♖xc8 ♘c5 23.♗f1 ♕e6 24.♖cd8 ♕b3 25.♗g2 ♕xb2∓) 20...♖xd7 21.♕xd7 ♕g5+ 22.♕g4=

9...♘bd7

9...O-O 10.O-O ♗g4 11.♘g5!? h6 12.♘h7 ♘xh7 13.♗xh7+ ♔h8 14.♗e4 ♗c8∞ (14...exd4 15.exd4 ♘c6 16.♕d3 ♕f6 17.h3 ♗d7 18.♘f3 b6 19.♖fe1 ♖ae8 20.♖e3 ♘e7! (20...♘d8!? 21.♖ae1 ♘e6 22.♗f5 ♔g8! (22...♘f4? 23.♖xe8 ♗xe8 24.♕e4±) 23.♗g4 ♘f4=) 21.♖ae1 ♘f5=)

10.O-O O-O 11.b3N

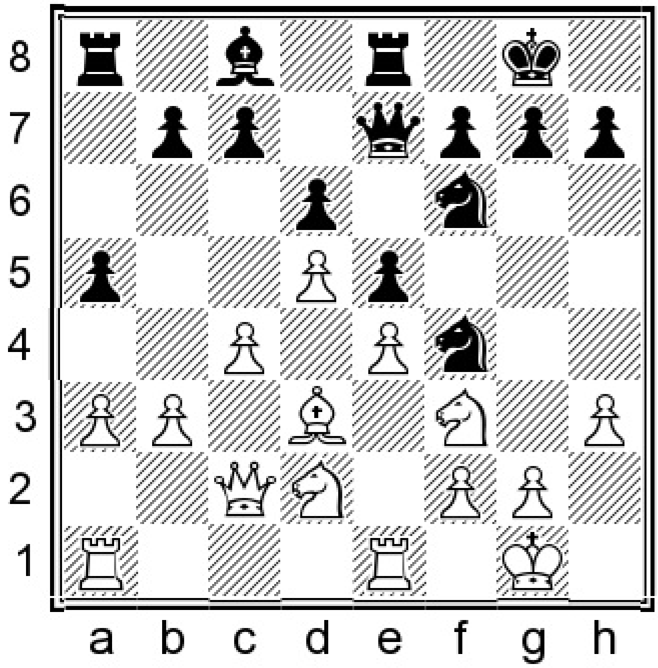
11.♘e4; 11.b4

11...♖e8 12.e4

12.♘g5 h6 13.♘ge4 ♘xe4 14.♘xe4 ♘f6=

12...♘f8 13.♖fe1

13.h3 ♘e6! (13...♘h5 14.♖fe1 ♘f4 15.♗f1⇄) 14.d5 (14.dxe5 dxe5 15.♘xe5? ♘d4) 14...♘f4 15.♖fe1



15...g5!→ (15...♔h8!?) 16.♘xg5 ♔h8! 17.g3 ♖g8 18.h4 h6 19.gxf4 ♘h5-+

13...♗g4 14.d5 ♘8d7 15.h3 ♗xf3 16.♘xf3 g6= 17.b4 ♖a7 18.♘d2

18.c5 axb4 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.axb4 ♖xa1 21.♖xa1 ♘b6 22.♖a3 ♖c8 23.♖c3 ♖xc3 24.♕xc3 ♕d8=

18...♖ea8 19.♘b3 b6

19...axb4 20.axb4 b6 21.♖xa7 ♖xa7 22.g3 ♕d8⇄

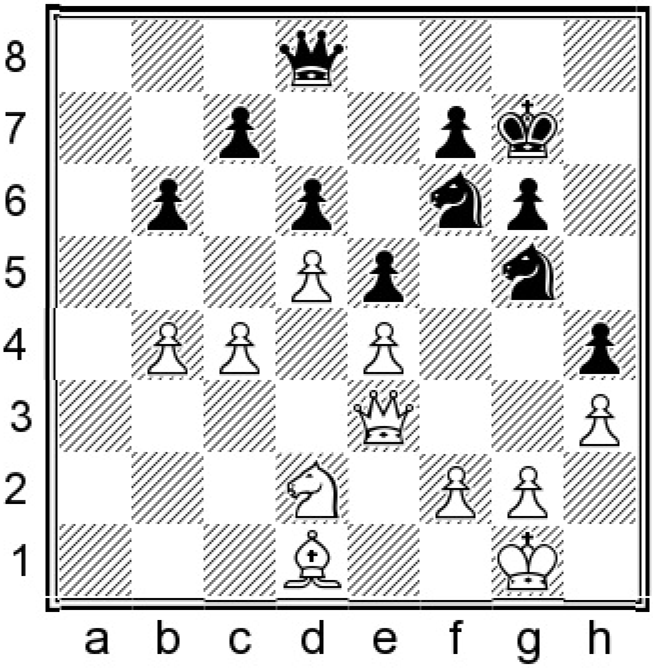
20.♕c3

20.bxa5 ♘c5!? (20...bxa5 21.a4 c5 22.dxc6 ♘c5 (22...♘b8 23.c5 ♘xc6 24.cxd6 ♕xd6 25.♗b5 ♘b4 26.♕b2±) 23.♘xc5 dxc5 24.♖ab1 ♕c7 25.♕c3 ♖a6 26.♖b5 ♖xc6 27.♗f1 h5=) 21.axb6 ♘xd3 22.♕xd3 (22.bxa7 ♘xe1 23.♖xe1 ♖xa7 24.♖a1 ♕e8 25.♘c1 ♖a4=∞ (25...♕a4=∞)) 22...cxb6 23.♘d2 ♕c7 24.♖eb1 ♘d7=∞

20...axb4 21.axb4 h5∓ 22.♖xa7 ♖xa7 23.♖a1 ♖xa1+ 24.♕xa1 ♕d8 25.♘d2

25.♕a7 h4 26.♘d2 ♘h5→ 27.♗f1 ♘f4 28.♔h2 ♘f6 29.c5 bxc5 30.bxc5 ♘d7 31.cxd6 cxd6 32.♘c4 ♘f6 33.f3 ♘6h5∓

25...h4 26.♗e2 ♔g7 27.♕a3 ♘h7 28.♗g4 ♘df6 29.♗d1 ♘g5 30.♕e3



30...♕a8! 31.♔f1

31.♕xg5 ♕a1 32.♘f1 ♕xd1∓

31...♕a1 32.♔e1 ♘gh7 33.c5 ♘h5

33...bxc5!? 34.bxc5 ♘d7 35.♘b3 ♕a3 36.c6 ♘b6 37.♔f1 ♘f6-+

34.g3

34.♘b3 ♕b1 35.♘d2 ♕a1 36.♘b3 ♕b2 37.♗xh5 gxh5 38.cxb6 cxb6 39.♘d2 ♘f8! 40.♕g5+ ♘g6∓

34...hxg3 35.fxg3 b5!-+

35...bxc5 36.bxc5 ♕c1 37.cxd6 cxd6 38.♕d3∓

36.♕d3 ♘7f6 37.c6 ♕b2 38.♕xb5 ♕c3 39.♗f3 ♘xe4! 40.♗xe4 ♕c1+ 41.♔e2 ♘xg3+ 42.♔f2 ♕xd2+ 43.♔xg3 ♕f4+ 44.♔g2 ♕xe4+ 45.♔f2 ♕c2+ 46.♔e1 e4 47.♔f1 ♕d1+ 0-1

178. E12
Gormally, Daniel (2466) - Claridge Hansen, William (2345)
Great Britain (ch) 153/178, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.a3 ♗a6 5.♕c2 ♗b7 6.♘c3 c5 7.d5 exd5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♘xd5

9.♕e4+? ♕e7 10.♕xd5 ♗xd5 11.♘xd5 ♕d8-+; 9.♗g5?! ♗e7 10.♘e4 (10.♕e4 ♘xc3 11.♕xb7 ♘c6 12.♗xe7 ♔xe7 13.bxc3 ♖b8 14.♕a6 b5!∓) 10...♕c7∓

9...♗xd5 10.♗f4!?

10.e4 - 35/595

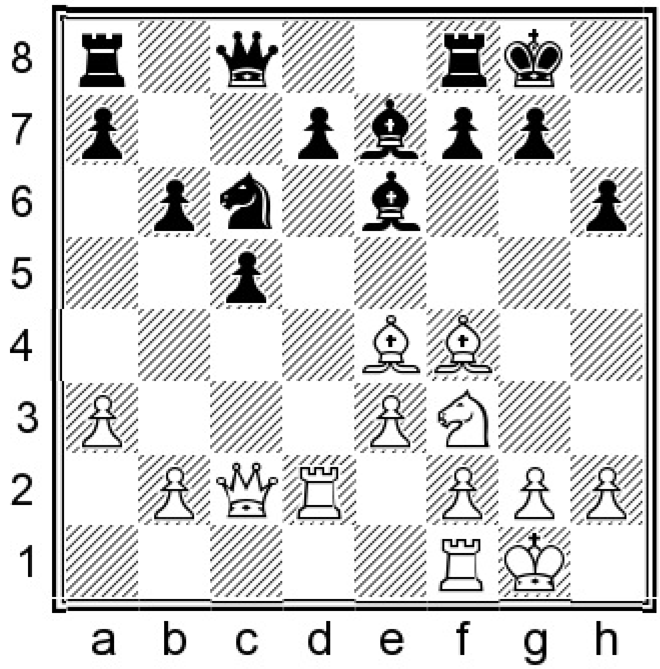
10...♗e7 11.♖d1 ♗e6!

11...♗b7?! 12.e3 O-O 13.h4±

12.e3 ♘c6 13.♗d3

13.♗a6 b5!? (13...♘a5∞) 14.♗b7 ♕a5+ 15.b4 cxb4 16.♗xa8 bxa3+ 17.♘d2 O-O∓

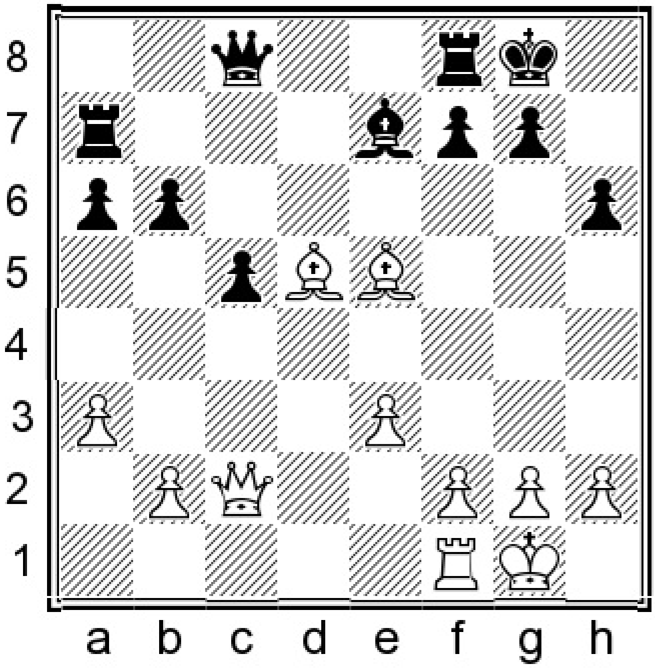
13...h6 14.O-ON ♕c8 15.♗e4 O-O 16.♖d2



16...a6?!

16...d5 17.♗xd5 ♗xd5 18.♖xd5 ♕e6 19.♖fd1 ♖ad8 20.e4=; 16...♕a6! 17.♘e5 (17.♖fd1?! ♕b5!∓) 17...♘xe5 18.♗xe5 ♖ad8 19.♖fd1∞

17.♘e5! ♘xe5 18.♗xe5 d5 19.♖xd5 ♗xd5 20.♗xd5 ♖a7??



20...♔h8 21.♗xa8 ♕xa8 22.♕f5 b5= Δ Qc8

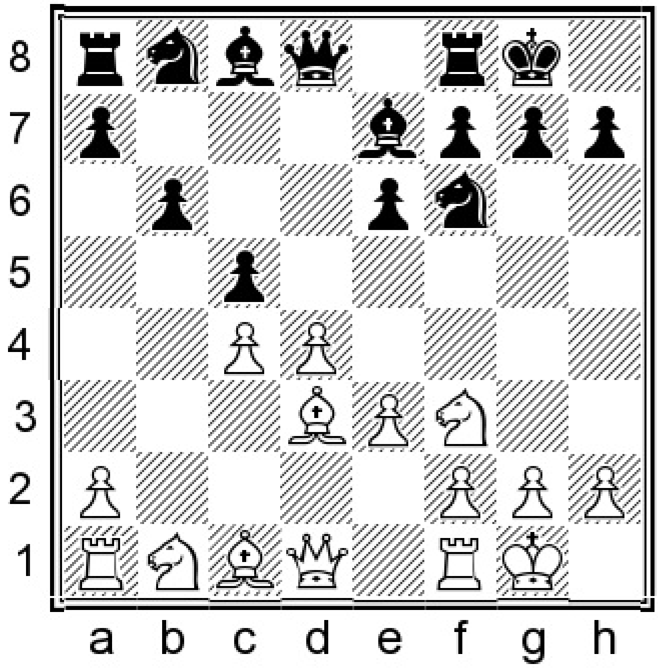
21.♕g6! 1-0

179. !N E14
Prusikin, Michael (2518) - Bruedigam, Martin (2396)
Deutschland 153/179, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.e3 ♗e7 5.b3 O-O 6.♗d3 c5

6...b6 - 120/ (177)

7.O-O dxc4 8.bxc4 b6?

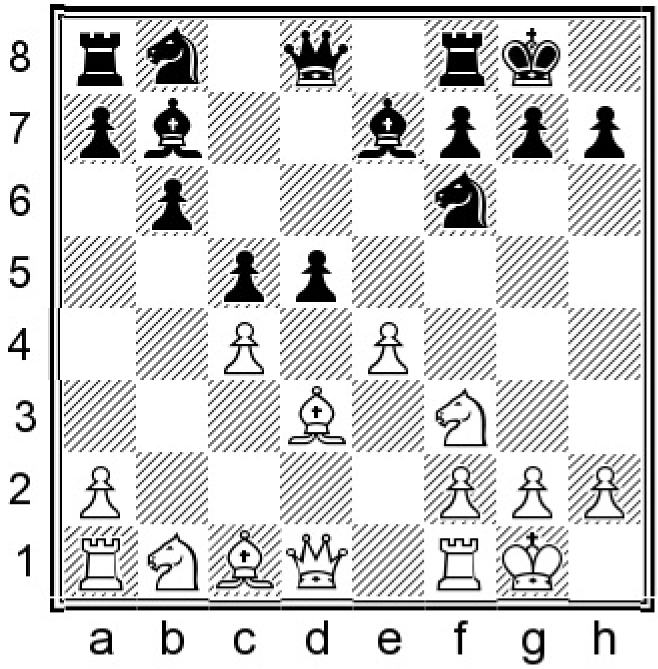


8...cxd4!? 9.exd4 b6 10.♗b2 ♗b7 11.♕e2!? ♘c6 (11...♘bd7 12.♘c3 ♖c8 13.♖ad1 ♖e8 14.♘e5±) 12.♘bd2 ♖c8 13.♖ad1 ♖e8 14.♖fe1 ♗f8 15.♘e4↑; 8...♘c6!?

9.e4! ♗b7

9...♘c6 10.d5 ♘b4 11.♘c3 ♘xd3 12.♕xd3 ♗a6 13.♖d1 exd5 14.exd5±; 9...♘fd7!? 10.e5! ♗b7 11.d5! exd5 12.♕c2! (12.cxd5 ♘xe5!! 13.♘xe5 ♕xd5 14.♕f3 ♕xf3 15.gxf3 ♗f6 16.f4 ♘c6 17.a4 ♘xe5 18.fxe5 ♗xe5 19.♖a3 ♖ad8=) 12...h6 (12...d4 13.♗xh7+ ♔h8 14.♗e4 ♕c7 15.♖e1 ♗xe4 16.♖xe4 ♘c6 17.♗f4 ♕d8 18.♖e1±) 13.cxd5 ♗xd5 14.♗e4 ♗xe4 15.♕xe4 ♘a6 16.♘c3 ♘c7 17.♖d1 ♘e6 18.♕a4 ♘d4 19.♘xd4 cxd4 20.♕xd4 ♘c5 21.♘d5±

10.d5 exd5



11.cxd5!N

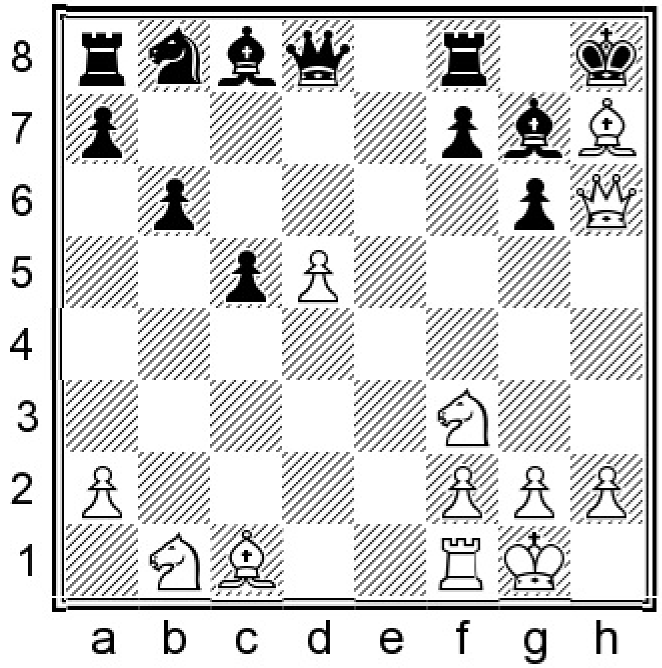
11.exd5 b5! (11...♘e8 12.♕c2 h6 13.♘c3 ♘d6 14.♖e1 ♘a6 15.a3 ♘c7 16.♗f4±) 12.♘c3 bxc4 13.♗xc4 ♗a6 14.♘d2 ♕a5 15.♕c2 ♘bd7 16.♗b2⩲

11...♘xd5?

11...c4! 12.♗c2 ♖e8 13.♖e1 b5 14.♘c3 b4 15.♖b1! ♕a5 16.♗a4 ♖d8 17.a3!⩲; 11...♘xe4? 12.♗xe4 f5 13.d6!+-

12.exd5 ♗f6 13.♘c3?!

13.♕c2! ♗xa1 14.♗xh7+ ♔h8 15.♕f5 g6 (15...♘d7 16.♕h3 ♘f6 17.♗g5 ♖e8 18.♘bd2 ♗d4 19.♘xd4 cxd4 20.♗d3+ ♔g8 21.♗xf6 ♕xf6 22.♕h7+ ♔f8 23.♕h8+ ♔e7 24.♖e1++-) 16.♕h3 ♗c8 17.♕h6 (17.g4!? ♗xg4 18.♕xg4 ♔xh7 (18...♕xd5 19.♕h3 ♕h5 20.♕xh5 gxh5 21.♗e4 ♘a6 22.♗xa8 ♖xa8+-) 19.♕h3+ ♔g7 20.♕h6+ ♔g8 21.♘g5+-) 17...♗g7



18.♗b2!! f6 19.♕h4 g5 20.♘xg5 (20.♕h5? ♗g4) 20...fxg5 21.♕h5 ♗g4 22.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 23.♕g6+ ♔h8 24.♕h6 ♕e7 25.♗f5+ ♔g8 26.♗xg4+-

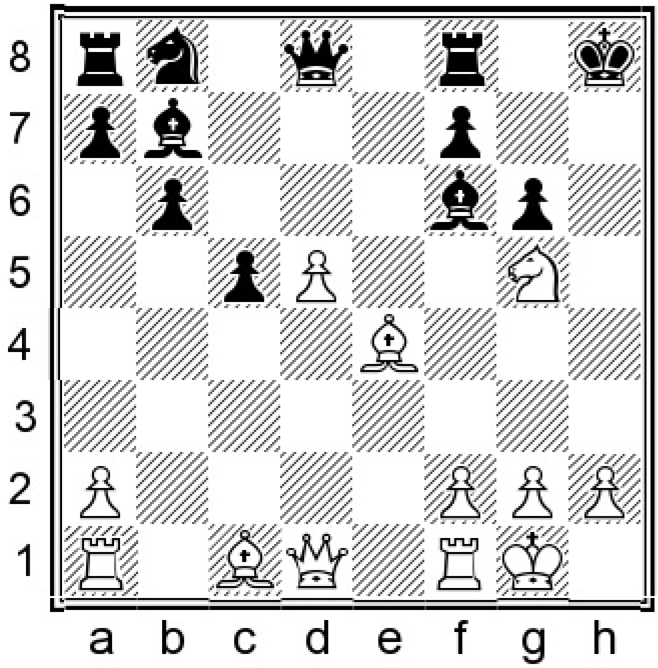
13...♗xc3 14.♗xh7+ ♔h8!

14...♔xh7? 15.♘g5+ ♔g6 (15...♔g8 16.♕h5 ♕xg5 17.♗xg5 ♗xa1 18.♖xa1+-) 16.♕d3+! f5 17.♘e6! (17.♕xc3 ♕xd5 18.♕h3 ♘c6=) 17...♗xa1 18.♕g3+ ♔f7 19.♘xd8+ ♖xd8 20.♗g5 ♗f6 21.♗xf6 gxf6 22.♕h4 ♔g6 23.♖e1! ♖xd5 (23...♗xd5 24.♖e7+-) 24.h3 ♘c6 25.♕g3+ ♔h6 26.♕c7 ♖b8 27.♕f7 ♖d6 28.f4 ♗a6 29.♖e3+-

15.♗e4! ♗f6?

15...f5? 16.♘g5 ♕e8 17.♕f3 ♕g6 18.♖b1+-; 15...♘d7!? 16.♗g5 ♗f6 17.h4!±; 15...♗xa1! 16.♘g5 g6 17.♕g4 ♗xd5 18.♖d1 ♗d4 19.♕h4+ ♔g7 20.♕h7+ ♔f6 21.♘f3! ♖h8 22.♗g5+ ♔e6 23.♘xd4+ cxd4 24.♗xd5+ ♕xd5 (24...♔xd5 25.♕xf7++-) 25.♕xh8 ♘d7 26.♕h3+ ♔d6 27.♕a3+ ♔c7 28.♗e3 ♕d6 29.♕b2±

16.♘g5 g6



16...♗xg5 17.♕h5+ ♗h6 18.♗xh6+-

17.♕g4!+- ♗xa1 18.♕h3+ ♔g7 19.♕h7+ ♔f6 20.♘xf7 ♖xf7 21.♕h4+ ♔g7 22.♗h6+ ♔h7 23.♗g5+ ♔g8 24.♗xd8 ♗d4 25.♗xg6 ♖g7 26.♖e1 ♘d7 27.♖e8+ ♘f8 28.♕f4 ♖xg6 29.♕xf8+ ♔h7 30.♕f7+ 1-0

180. * E15
Krysa, Leandro Sergio (2515) - Nyysti, Sampsa (2363)
Chennai (ol) 153/180, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗a6 5.♕c2

5.b3 b5 6.♕c2 (6.♘bd2 - 126/ 165) 6...bxc4 7.bxc4 c5 8.d5 d6N (8...exd5) 9.dxe6! (9.e4 exd5 10.cxd5 ♗xf1 11.♔xf1 g6 12.♔g2 ♗g7 13.♗b2 O-O 14.♘bd2 ♘bd7 15.♖he1 ♖b8 16.♖ab1 ♕c7 17.♗c3±) 9...fxe6 10.♗h3 d5 11.♗xe6 (11.cxd5!? exd5 12.♕a4+ ♘fd7 13.♘c3 d4 14.♘e5 ♗c8 15.♘d5+-) 11...♗xc4 12.♘e5 ♕a5+ 13.♘d2 ♗a6 14.O-O c4 15.♗f7+ ♔d8 16.♘df3 (16.♖d1 ♗d6 17.♘dxc4+-) 16...♗b7 17.♖b1+- ♕a6 18.♕b2 ♔c7 19.♗f4 ♗d6 20.♘d4 ♗xe5 21.♗xe5+ ♔c8 22.♗e6+ ♘fd7 23.♘f5 ♔d8 24.♗xd7 ♘xd7 25.♗xg7 1-0 (25) Wojtaszek,R (2694)-Heinemann,T (2495) Deutschland 153/(180) 2022

5...♗b4+ 6.♗d2 ♗e7 7.e4 d5 8.cxd5 ♗xf1 9.♔xf1 exd5 10.e5 ♘e4 11.♘c3 ♘xc3

11...♘xd2+ - 106/(162)

12.bxc3 ♕d7 13.♔g2 ♘c6 14.♗g5 f6?!

14...h6 15.♗xe7 ♘xe7 16.♖he1 O-O 17.♕e2 (17.a4 c5 18.a5 ♘c6 19.axb6 axb6 20.♖ab1 ♖fb8 21.e6 fxe6 22.♕g6 cxd4 23.cxd4 ♖a3 24.♖xe6 ♖xf3!∞) 17...♖fe8 18.a4 ♖ac8 19.a5±

15.exf6 gxf6 16.♗f4 O-O-O 17.♖he1 ♔b7N

17...♖de8

18.♖e3± ♘a5

18...♗d6 19.♗xd6 ♕xd6 20.♖ae1 ♕d7 21.♘g1! a5 22.♘h3 h5 23.♘f4 h4 24.♖e6±

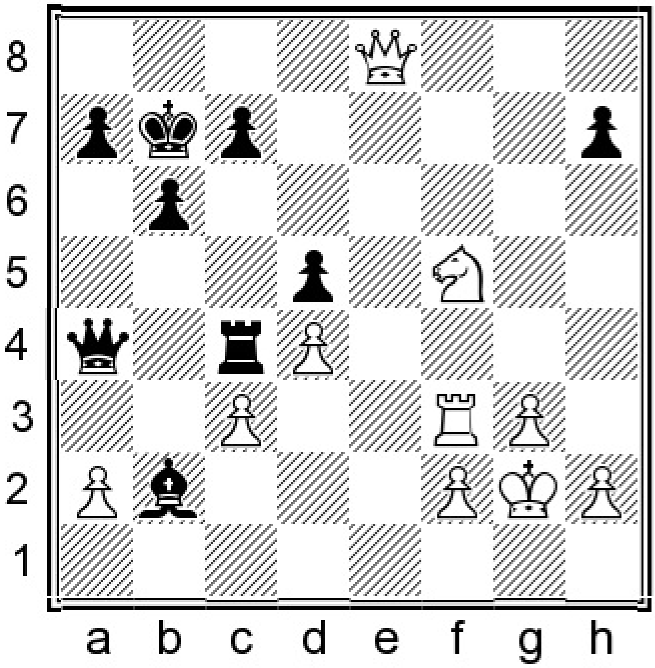
19.♖ae1 ♗a3 20.♖e6 ♖hf8 21.♕f5 ♖f7 22.♘h4 ♗b2 23.♖1e3 ♘c4 24.♖f3 ♕a4 25.♖xf6 ♖xf6 26.♕xf6+- ♖d7

26...♕d7 27.♘f5 ♖e8 28.h4 ♗a3 29.♘h6 ♖f8 30.♕g5 a5 31.g4 a4 32.h5

27.♕e6 ♕c6 28.♕e8 ♘d6 29.♗xd6 ♖xd6 30.♕e3

30.♕g8 h6 31.♖e3 ♕d7 32.♘f3

30...♕a4 31.♘f5 ♖c6 32.♕e8 ♖c4



33.♘d6+! cxd6 34.♖f7+ ♔a6 35.♕a8 ♕c6

35...♔b5 36.♕xd5+ ♔a6 37.♕b7+ ♔a5 38.♖f5+

36.♖xa7+ ♔b5 37.a4+ ♖xa4 38.♕xc6+ ♔xc6 39.♖xa4 ♗xc3 40.♔f1 ♔b5 41.♖a7 ♔c4 42.♖xh7 1-0

181. * E16
Sorin, Ariel (2388) - Peralta, Fernando (2600)
Argentina (ch) 153/181, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 a5 7.O-O O-O 8.♗f4 ♗e7 9.♘c3 ♘e4 10.♕c2

10.♘b5 ♘a6?! (10...c6 11.♘c7 ♖a7 12.♕b3 g5∞) 11.♕c2 f5 12.a3 c6?! (12...♕c8 13.♖ad1±) 13.♘c3 d5N (13...c5) 14.♖ad1± Vidit,S (2727)-Kamsky,G (2657) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(181) 2022

(14.h4!?±)

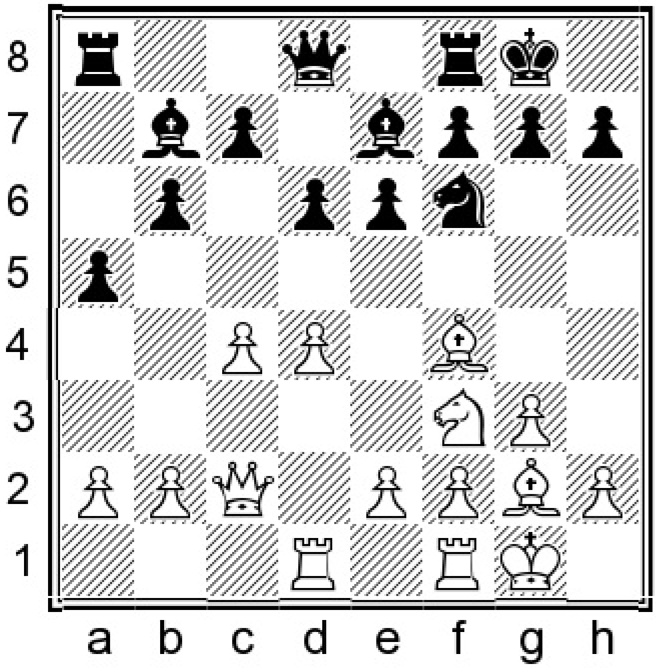
10...♘xc3 11.♕xc3 d6 12.♖ad1

12.♕c2 - 126/168

12...♘d7 13.♕c2

13.♖fe1 ♘f6=

13...♘f6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a
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d
e
f
g
h

14.♘g5!?N

14.♘e1 ♗xg2 15.♘xg2 c5=

14...♗xg2 15.♔xg2 ♕b8?!

15...h6 16.♘f3 d5=

16.e4 ♘d7

16...♕b7!?±

17.♘f3 ♕b7

17...a4!?±

18.♗e3

18.d5±

18...♖fe8

18...c6=

19.d5 ♗f6 20.♗d4?!

20.♖fe1±

20...♕c8?!

20...c6=

21.♖fe1

21.b3±

21...♗xd4 22.♘xd4 e5= 23.♘b5 ♘c5?!

23...♖e7 24.♖e3 g6=

24.b3 ♕d7

24...♖e7!?±

25.a3 a4

25...♖f8 26.♖f1 f5 27.exf5 ♖xf5 28.♘xc7 ♖af8 29.♘b5 e4 30.b4 ♘d3 31.♖xd3 exd3 32.♕xd3 ♖f3∞

26.b4 ♘b3 27.♔h1

27.♕d3±

27...♖e7 28.♖e3=

28.f4±

28...♖f8 29.f4 f5

29...g6!?=

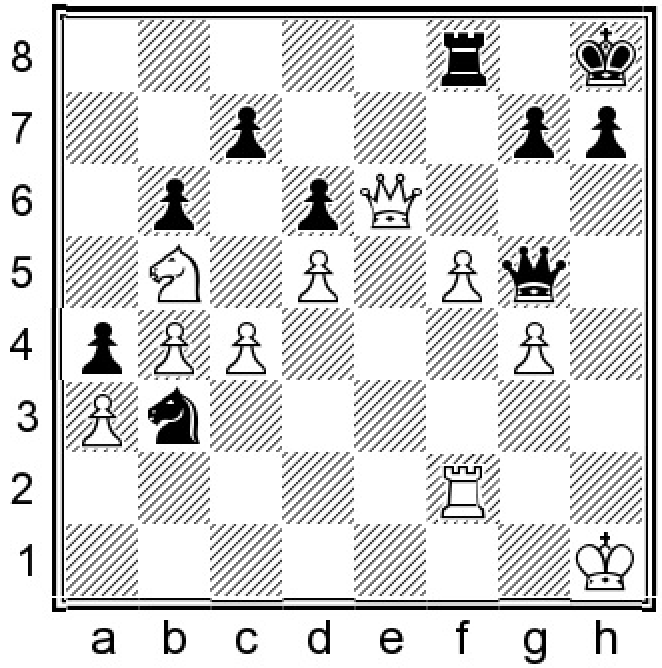
30.exf5 exf4 31.♖e6 fxg3 32.hxg3 ♖ef7 33.♖f1 ♕d8 34.♕e2 ♕g5 35.g4 ♘d2

35...h5!?=

36.♖f2 ♘b3 37.♖e8 ♖xe8

37...h5 38.♕e6 ♖xe8 39.♕xe8+ ♖f8 40.♕e6+ ♖f7 41.f6 ♕xg4=

38.♕xe8+ ♖f8 39.♕e6+ ♔h8



⌓39...♖f7=

40.f6?

40.♕e4! ♕c1+ 41.♔g2 h6 42.♘xc7 ♘d2 43.♕f4 ♕xc4 44.♘e6 ♕xf4 45.♘xf4 ♘e4 46.♖c2 ♖e8 47.♖c6+-

40...gxf6 41.♘xc7 ♕h6+?

41...♕h4+ 42.♔g2 ♖g8 43.♕xf6+ ♕xf6 44.♖xf6 ♘d2 45.♖xd6 ♘xc4 46.♖c6 ♖xg4+ 47.♔f2 ♔g7 48.d6 ♖f4+ 49.♔e2 ♘e5±

42.♔g2+- ♕g7

42...♘d2 43.c5 bxc5 44.bxc5

43.♘e8 ♕g6 44.♘xf6 ♘c1 45.♕xd6 ♖c8 46.♕e6 ♖xc4 47.d6 1-0

E25-E49

182. E32
Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2664) - Indjic, Aleksandar (2613)
Abu Dhabi 153/182, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 O-O 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.♕xc3 b6 7.♗g5 h6 8.♗h4 ♗b7 9.f3 c5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.O-O-O

11.e3 - 60/(506)

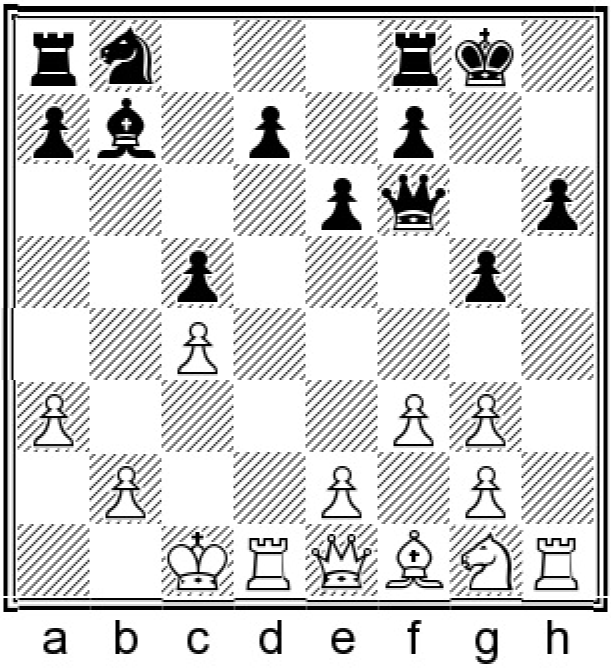
11...♘e4?!N

11...d5!? 12.cxd5 exd5 13.♗xf6 (13.♕xc5?! ♘bd7 14.♕b4 ♗a6∓) 13...♕xf6 14.♕xf6 gxf6 15.♘h3 ♖e8 16.♘f4 d4∞; 11...♘d5! 12.♕e1 (12.cxd5 ♕xh4 13.e4 exd5 14.exd5 d6 15.♘e2 ♘d7∓) 12...♘e7 13.e3 d5 14.♘e2 ♘d7 15.♘c3 ♘b6∞

12.♕e1! g5

12...♘f6 13.e4±

13.♗g3 ♘xg3 14.hxg3 ♕f6



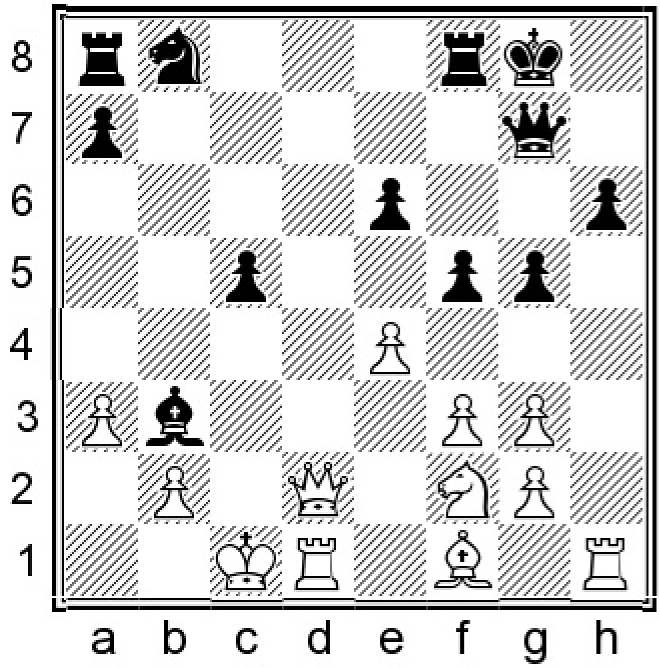
15.♘h3!± ♕g7 16.♘f2 f5 17.♕d2 d5

17...♖f7 18.g4 ♘c6 19.e3 ♖e8 20.♕d6±

18.cxd5 ♗xd5

18...exd5 19.e4! dxe4 20.♗c4+ ♔h7 (20...♔h8 21.♖xh6+ ♕xh6 22.♖h1 ♕xh1+ 23.♘xh1+-) 21.♘h3 ♔g6 22.fxe4 ♗xe4 23.♘xg5! hxg5 24.♕e2 g4 25.♖d6+ ♖f6 26.♕d2+-

19.e4 ♗b3



20.exf5! exf5

20...♗xd1 21.♘g4 ♗b3 22.♘xh6+ ♔h8 23.f6! ♖xf6 24.♘f5++-

21.♕e3 ♗a2 22.♖d6+- ♘d7 23.♖dxh6 ♖ae8 24.♕d2 ♘f6 25.♗d3 ♖e5 26.g4 ♖d5 27.♕c3 1-0

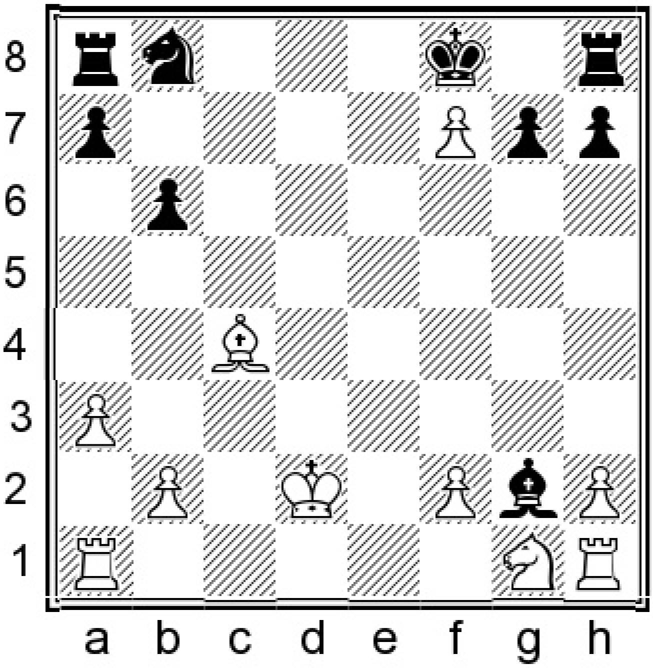
183. E36
Varga, Csaba Zoltan (2386) - Aveskulov, Valeriy (2527)
Budapest 153/183, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 d5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.♕xc3 c5 7.e3

7.dxc5 - 107/284

7...♘e4 8.♕c2 ♕a5+ 9.♗d2 ♘xd2 10.♕xd2 ♕xd2+ 11.♔xd2 cxd4 12.exd4 dxc4 13.♗xc4 ♘c6N

13...b6 14.d5 ♗b7 15.dxe6!? (15.♘f3) 15...♗xg2 16.exf7+ ♔d7 (16...♔f8



17.♘h3!! (17.♘e2? ♗xh1 18.♖xh1 ♘c6 19.♘f4 ♘e5 20.♗d5 ♖d8 21.♖c1 ♔e7 22.♖e1 ♔d6-+) 17...♘c6 (17...♗xh3 18.♗d5 ♘c6 19.♗xc6 ♖d8+ 20.♔e3 ♔xf7 21.♖ac1=; 17...♗xh1 18.♖xh1 ♘c6 19.♖c1 ♖d8+ 20.♔e3 ♘e5 21.♗a2 ♘xf7 22.♖c7 ♖e8+ 23.♔f3 ♖e7 24.♖c8+ ♖e8 25.♖c7=) 18.♘g5 ♗xh1 19.♖xh1 ♖c8 (19...♘e5 20.♗a2 h6 21.♘e6+ ♔e7 22.f8=♕+ ♖axf8 23.♘xf8 ♖xf8 24.♔e2 ♘g4 25.f3 ♘e5 26.♗d5 g5 27.♗e4=) 20.♖e1 h6 21.♘f3 g5 22.♖e4 ♔g7 23.♔e3=) 17.♘e2 ♗xh1 18.♖xh1 ♘c6 19.f4! ♖af8 20.♖e1 ♘d8 21.♘d4 ♘xf7 22.♘e6 ♖c8 23.♗b5+ ♔d6 24.♘xg7 ♖hd8 25.♘e6 ♖g8 26.♘d4 ♖g2+ 27.♔d3 ♖xb2 28.♖e6+ ♔d5 29.♖e7!? ♖b1 (29...♘d6?? 30.♖e5#) 30.♗c6+ ♖xc6 31.♘xc6 ♖b3+ 32.♔c2 ♖xa3 33.♘xa7 ♘d6 34.♖xh7=

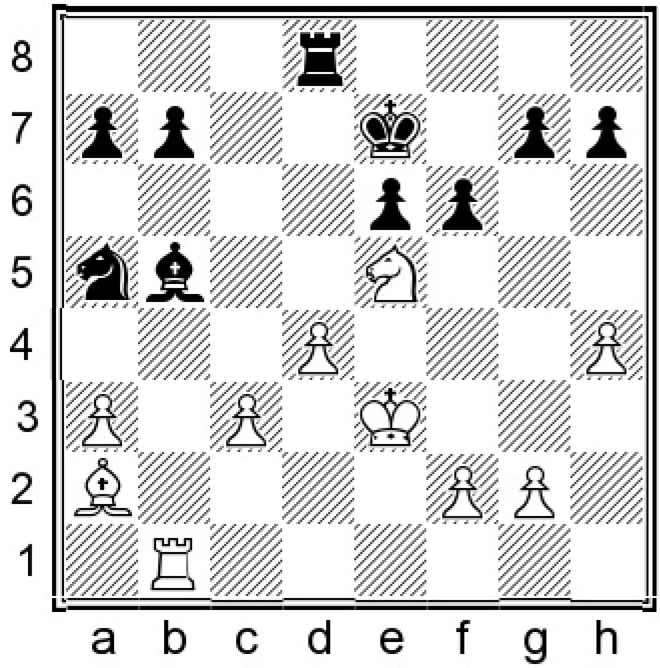
14.♘f3 O-O 15.♖hd1 ♖d8 16.h3?!

16.♔e1 ♘e7 17.♖ac1 ♗d7=

16...♗d7

16...♘xd4?! 17.♔c3 (17.♘xd4?! ♖xd4+ 18.♔e3 e5=) 17...b5! 18.♗f1 ♘c6 19.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 20.♗xb5 ♗b7 21.b4 ♖c8+ 22.♔b2 ♔f8 23.♗e2=

17.♔e1 ♘a5 18.♗a2 ♗a4 19.♖d3 ♖ac8 20.♖c3 ♖xc3 21.bxc3 ♗c6! 22.♔e2 ♔f8 23.h4 ♔e7 24.♘e5 ♗b5+ 25.♔e3 f6 26.♖b1



26...♗a6!

26...a6 27.c4! fxe5 28.cxb5 exd4+ (28...♖xd4 29.bxa6! (29.♖b4!? axb5 30.♖xd4 exd4+ 31.♔xd4 ♔d6 32.♔c3 ♘c6 33.h5 e5 34.♗g8 h6 35.♔d3 ♘e7 36.♗f7 ♘d5 37.♔e4 ♘c3+ 38.♔f5 ♔e7 39.♗g8 ♘b1 40.♔xe5 ♘xa3 41.g4 b4∓) 29...bxa6 30.♖b6 ♘c4+ 31.♗xc4 ♖xc4 32.♖xa6 ♖xh4 33.♖a8=) 29.♔d3 ♖d6 30.f4! axb5 31.♖xb5 b6 32.♖b4 ♘c6 33.♖b5=

27.♘d3 ♗c4! 28.♘c1!? b6

28...♖c8 29.♗xc4 ♖xc4 30.♔d3 ♖a4 31.♘b3 b6 32.♘xa5 ♖xa5 33.♖b3 e5 34.f3 ♔d6 35.c4 exd4 36.♔xd4 ♔e6 37.g4 h5 38.♖e3+ ♔f7 39.♖d3 ♖a4 40.♖c3=

29.g3?

29.♗xc4! ♘xc4+ 30.♔d3 ♖c8 (30...♘e5+!? 31.♔c2 ♘c6 32.♘b3 e5 33.dxe5 ♘xe5 34.♘d4 ♔f7 35.a4=) 31.a4 e5 32.♘b3=

29...e5! 30.a4

30.♗xc4! ♘xc4+ 31.♔d3 ♖c8 32.dxe5 fxe5 33.a4 e4+ 34.♔e2 ♘d6 35.♔d2 ♖c4 36.♖a1 ♔f6 37.♘e2 ♘b7 38.♔c2 ♘c5 39.a5 b5 40.f3 ♖a4 (40...exf3 41.♖f1 ♔e7 42.♖xf3 a6 43.♘d4=) 41.♖xa4 bxa4 42.fxe4 ♘b3 43.♔b2 ♘xa5 44.♔a3 ♘c4+ 45.♔xa4 ♘d6 46.♔a5 ♘xe4 47.♔a6 ♘xc3 48.♘xc3 ♔f5 49.♔xa7 ♔g4 50.♔b6 ♔xg3 51.h5 ♔g4 52.♔c5 ♔xh5 53.♔d4=

30...♖c8! 31.dxe5 fxe5 32.♖b4 ♗xa2!

32...♔e6 33.♗xc4+ ♖xc4 34.♘e2 ♔d5 35.♔d3 ♖c7 36.f4 ♘c4 37.fxe5 ♘xe5+ 38.♔e3 ♖c4 39.♘f4+ ♔d6 40.♔d2=

33.♘xa2 ♔e6 34.♔d3 ♖d8+ 35.♔e2 ♖c8 36.♔d3 ♘b7! 37.♖g4?

37.♘c1! ♘c5+ 38.♔e2 ♔d5 39.f3 ♘a6∓

37...g6

37...♘c5+ 38.♔e3 ♖c7 39.♘c1 ♖d7 40.♖b4 ♖d1 41.♘b3 ♖d3+ 42.♔e2 ♖xc3 43.♘xc5+ ♖xc5∓

38.♔e2

38.h5 ♔f5 39.f3 g5 40.♖b4 e4+! 41.fxe4+ ♔g4-+; 38.♖b4!?

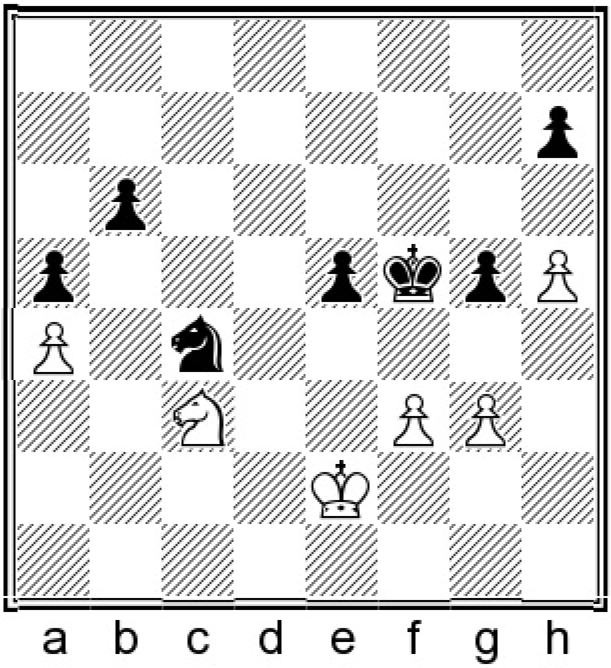
38...a5! 39.h5 ♔f5 40.f3 g5!

40...♘d6! 41.hxg6 hxg6 42.♖h4 ♖c4-+

41.c4 ♘d6 42.♘c3 ♖xc4?

42...♘xc4-+

43.♖xc4 ♘xc4



44.♔d3?!

44.g4+!! ♔e6 45.h6!! ♘d6 46.♔d3 ♔d7 (46...♘f7 47.♘e4! ♔d5 48.♘f6+ ♔c6 - 46...Kd7) 47.♘d5 ♔c6 48.♘f6 ♘f7 49.♘xh7 b5 (49...♘xh6 50.♘xg5=) 50.♔e4!! bxa4 (50...b4 51.♔d3!=) 51.♘xg5! ♘xg5+ 52.♔f5 ♘f7 53.g5 a3 54.h7 a2 55.g6 a1=♕ 56.gxf7 ♕b1+ 57.♔f6 ♕xh7 58.f8=♕ ♕c7 59.♕a8+ ♔b6∓

44...♘d6! 45.♘d5 b5!!-+ 46.g4+ ♔e6 47.♘c7+ ♔d7 48.♘d5

48.♘xb5 ♘xb5 49.axb5 ♔d6!! (49...h6? 50.♔c3!! ♔d6 51.♔c4=; 49...♔c7? 50.h6=) 50.♔c4 h6!! 51.b6 ♔c6 52.b7 ♔xb7 53.♔b5 ♔c7! (53...a4?? 54.♔xa4 ♔c6 55.♔b4 ♔d5 56.♔c3 e4 57.f4 gxf4 58.g5 ♔e6 59.g6 f3 60.♔d2=) 54.♔xa5 ♔d6 55.♔b4 e4!! 56.f4 gxf4 57.g5 ♔e6 58.g6 f3-+

48...h6

48...bxa4!? 49.♘f6+ ♔e7 50.♘xh7 a3 51.♔c2 ♘c4 52.♔b3 ♘d2+-+

49.axb5 ♘xb5 50.♘f6+ ♔e6 51.♘g8 ♘d6 52.♘xh6 ♔f6 53.♔c3 ♔g7 54.♘f5+ ♘xf5 55.gxf5 a4 56.♔b2 g4!!

56...e4? 57.fxe4 g4 58.e5 g3 59.e6 g2 60.h6+=

0-1

184. E36
Plat, Vojtech (2556) - Tomczak, Jacek (2596)
Polanica-Zdroj 153/184, 2022

1.c4 ♘f6 2.d4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 d5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.♕xc3 c5 7.dxc5 d4 8.♕g3 ♘c6 9.b4 O-O

9...e5 - 107/284

10.♗g5 e5 11.♘f3 e4 12.♘e5 ♘h5?!N

12...♗e6; 12...♘xe5 13.♕xe5 a5 14.b5 ♗e6 15.♖d1 ♘d7 16.♕g3 f6 17.♗f4±; 12...h6! 13.♗xh6 ♘h5 14.♘xc6 ♘xg3 15.♘xd8 ♘xh1 16.♘xb7 ♗xb7 17.♗f4 ♖fc8 18.e3 d3 19.♗d6 ♖e8 20.♖a2 ♗c8∞

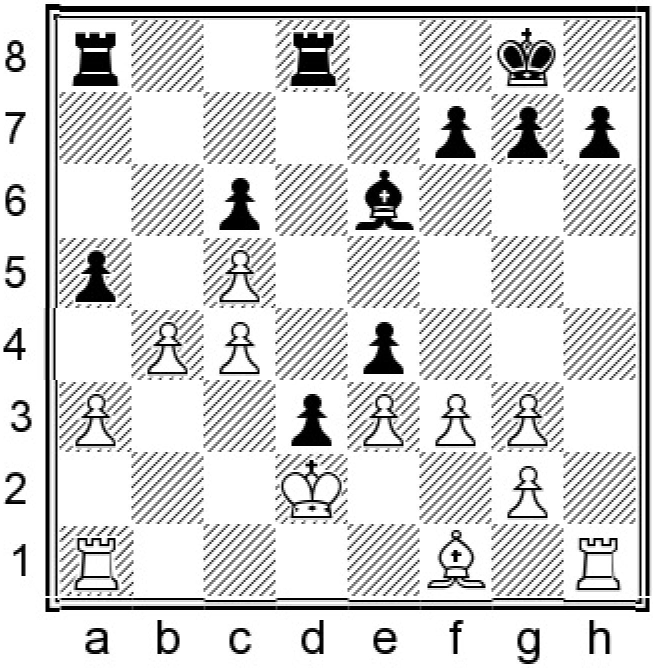
13.♗xd8 ♘xg3 14.♘xc6 bxc6 15.hxg3 ♖xd8 16.e3

16.♖h4 ♗f5 17.♖f4 ♗g6 18.e3 d3 19.f3±

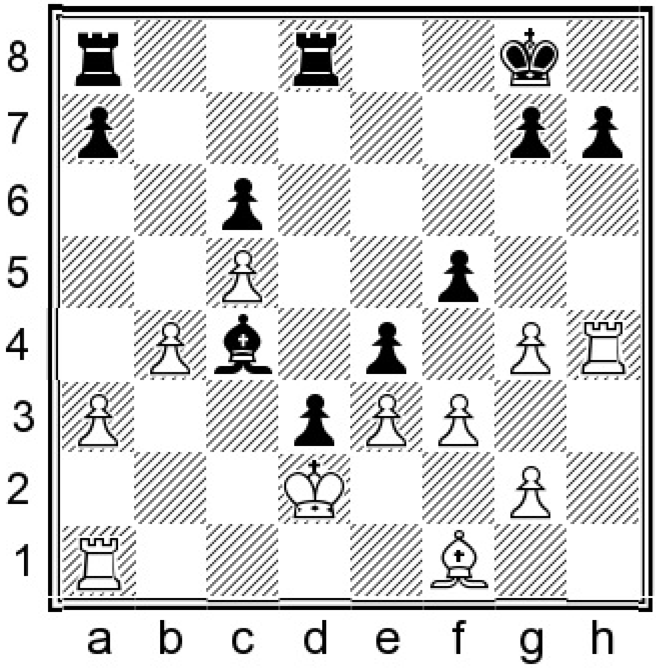
16...d3 17.f3

17.♔d2 ♗e6 18.♖c1 ♖ab8 19.♖h4 f5 20.f3 a5 21.fxe4 axb4 22.a4!±

17...♗e6 18.♔d2 a5?!



18...♗xc4 19.♖h4 (19.♖c1 ♗b5 20.fxe4 a5 21.bxa5 ♖xa5 22.♖c3 f6 23.♗xd3 ♗xd3 24.♖xd3 ♖xd3+ 25.♔xd3 ♖xa3+ 26.♔d4 ♖a4+=) 19...f5 20.g4



(20.♖f4 a5 21.fxe4 g5! 22.♖xf5 axb4 23.a4 b3 24.♖f2 b2 25.♖b1 ♖xa4 26.♖xb2 ♖a5∞) 20...f4! 21.fxe4 (21.exf4 exf3 22.gxf3 a5=∞) 21...fxe3+ 22.♔xe3 a5 23.bxa5 ♖xa5=∞

19.b5! ♗xc4 20.b6 f5

20...♖d5 21.fxe4 ♖xc5 22.♖c1 ♖b8 23.♖h4 ♖xb6 24.♗xd3 ♖b2+ 25.♔c3 ♖b3+ 26.♔d4 ♖xd3+ 27.♔xc5±

21.g4! fxg4 22.fxe4 ♖e8

22...♗a6 23.♖d1 ♖d7 24.♔c3+-

23.g3

23.♖c1 ♖xe4 24.♖c3 ♖f8 25.♗xd3 ♗xd3 26.♔xd3 ♖e5 27.e4+-

23...♖e5 24.♖c1 ♖xc5 25.♖c3 ♖d8 26.a4 ♖b8 27.♗xd3 ♗xd3 28.♖xc5 ♗xe4 29.♖hh5

29.♖a1 ♖xb6 30.♖xa5+-

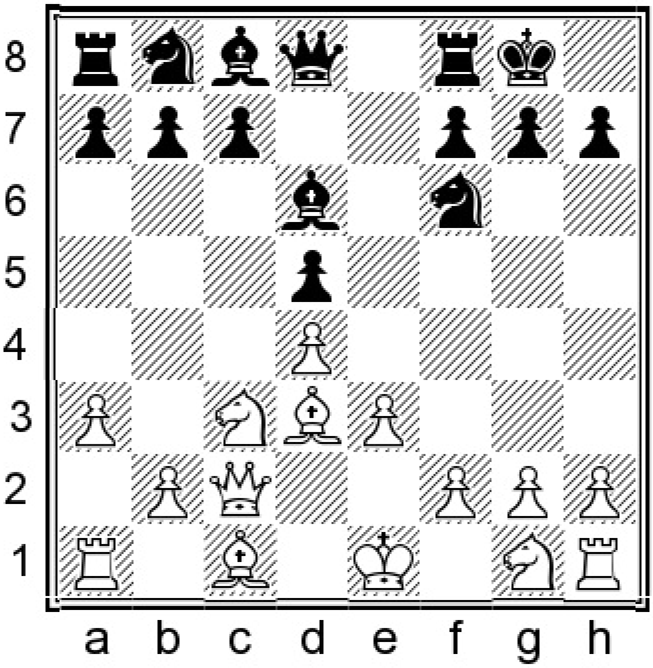
29...♖xb6 30.♖he5

30.♖xa5+-

30...♗f3 31.♖e7+- ♖b2+ 32.♔c3 ♖g2 33.♖g5 ♖xg3 34.♖gxg7+ ♔f8 35.♖ef7+ ♔e8 36.♖a7 1-0

185. * E48**
Ding, Liren (2806) - Radjabov, Teimour (2753)
Madrid (ct) 153/185, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.a3 ♗d6 8.♕c2



8...♘a6!?

8...c6 - 151/183

9.♘ge2 - 153/185

9.♘f3N c5 10.O-O c4 11.♗e2 ♘c7 12.a4 ♘a6 13.b3 ♘b4 14.♕b1 cxb3 15.♕xb3 a5 (15...♗f5 16.a5 (16.♘b5 ♗e7 17.♗a3 a5 18.♖ac1 ♖c8 19.♖xc8 ♕xc8 20.♖c1 ♕b8∞) 16...a6 17.♗d2 b6 18.axb6 ♕xb6 19.♘a4 ♕b8 20.♘c5 a5∞) 16.♗a3 ♗f5 17.♖ac1 ♖c8 18.♘e5± Garriga Cazorla,P (2505)-Bilych,O (2365) Escaldes 153/(185) 2022

9.b4

9...c5 10.♗xa6 - 153/185

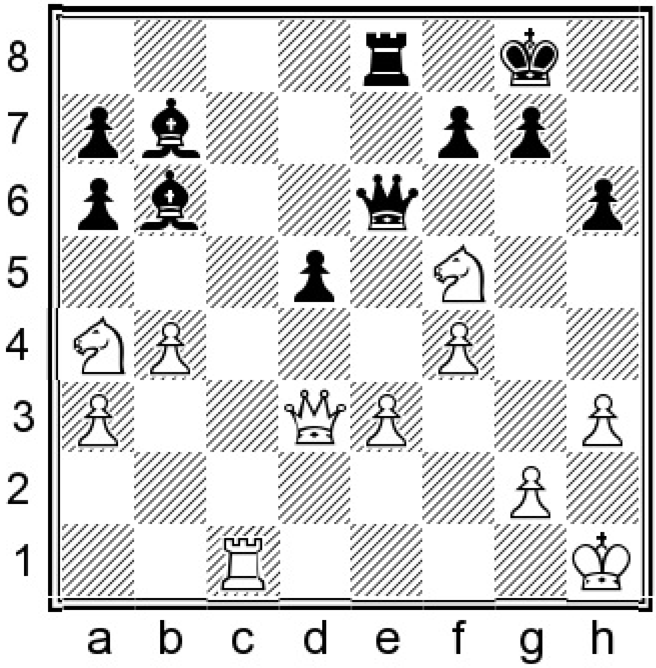
10.f3N g6 (10...♗d7 11.O-O ♖e8 12.♗d2 ♖c8∞) 11.♕d2 ♘c7 (11...♖e8 12.O-O ♗d7 13.♗xa6 bxa6 14.dxc5 ♗xc5 15.♘d4 ♖c8=) 12.dxc5 ♗xc5 13.b4 ♗d6 14.♗b2 ♕e7 15.O-O ♗d7 16.♘d4 ♖fe8 17.♖fe1 ♖ad8 18.♖ac1 a6 19.♕f2 ♗e5 20.♘ce2± David,A (2534)-Barp,A (2423) Paleochora 153/(185) 2022

10.dxc5

10...bxa6 11.dxc5 ♗xc5 12.b4N

12.O-O - 153/(185) 12...♗b7N (12...♗d6) 13.♖d1 ♖c8 14.♗d2 ♕d6 15.h3 ♕e5 16.♘d4 ♗d6 17.f4 ♕e8 18.♕d3 ♕d7 19.♗e1 ♖fe8 20.♘f5 ♗c5 21.♗h4 ♕e6 22.♗xf6 (22.♖d2 ♘e4 23.♘xe4 dxe4 24.♕d7 ♗c6 25.♕xe6 fxe6 26.♘d4 ♗a4=) 22...♕xf6 23.♖ac1 h6 24.b4 (24.♘xd5 ♗xd5 25.♕xd5 ♗xe3+ 26.♘xe3 ♖xc1 27.♖xc1 ♕xf4 28.♖c3 ♖xe3=) 24...♗b6 25.♔h1?! (25.♘a4 ♖c4! 26.♘xb6 axb6 27.♘d4 ♖ec8 28.♕d2 ♕g6∓) 25...♕e6 26.♘a4 (26.♖e1? ♖xc3! 27.♖xc3 d4 28.♖c5 ♗xc5 29.bxc5 ♗e4-+) 26...♖xc1

27.♖xc1



27...d4! 28.♘c5 ♗xc5 29.♖xc5 ♕g6 30.♕e2 dxe3 31.♔h2 ♕xg2+ (31...♕f6-+) 32.♕xg2 ♗xg2 33.♘xe3 ♗xh3 34.♘d5 ♗f1-+ Iniyan,P (2556)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2625) Abu Dhabi 153/(185) 2022

12...♗d6 13.♗b2 a5 14.b5 a6 15.h3

15.O-O?! ♕c7 16.♘g3 axb5∓

15...♗d7 16.bxa6?!

16.a4 ♕c8 17.♕d3 axb5 18.axb5 ♕c4 (18...♖d8!?) 19.♕xc4 dxc4 20.♘d4 ♗b4∞

16...♖xa6 17.♖d1 ♖b6 18.♖d2

18.♘xd5? ♘xd5 19.♖xd5 ♕b8! 20.♗c3 ♖c8 21.O-O ♗b5-+; 18.O-O ♕c8 19.♘f4 ♗xf4 20.exf4 ♗xh3! 21.gxh3 ♕xh3 22.♖fe1 ♕g4+ 23.♔f1 ♖c8∓

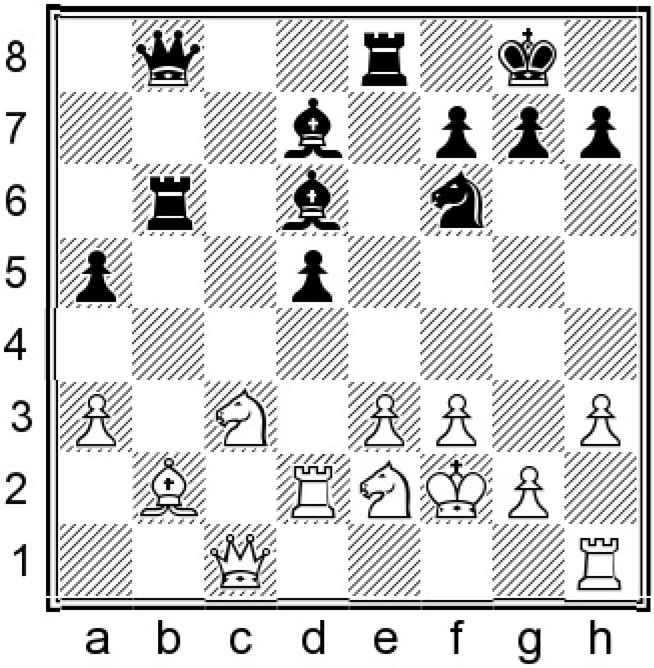
18...♕c8 19.f3 ♖e8

19...♕b8 20.O-O ♖c8∓

20.♔f2

20.♘d1 ♕xc2 21.♖xc2 ♗a4 22.♗d4 ♖bb8 23.♖c1 ♗xa3 24.♖a1 ♗b4+-+

20...♕b8-+ 21.♕c1



21...♖xe3! 22.♘d1

22.♔xe3 ♗c5+ 23.♘d4 ♕e5+-+

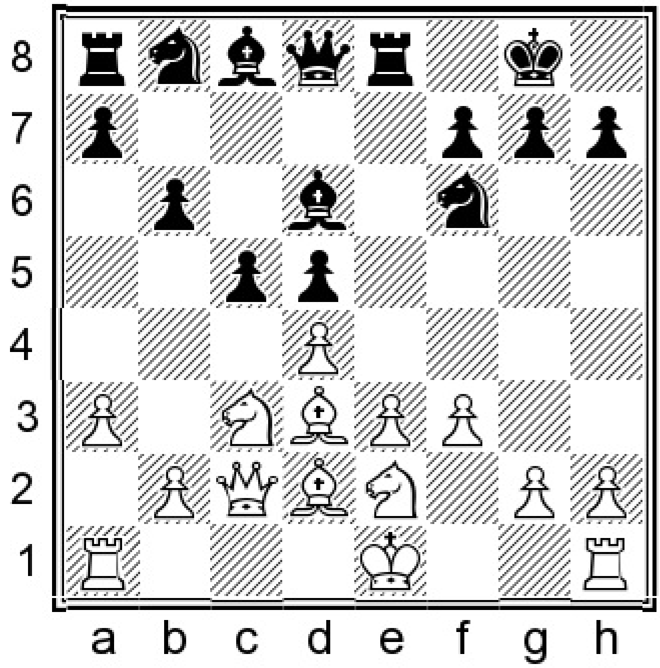
22...♖e8 23.♘e3 ♖b3 24.♘g4 ♗xg4 25.hxg4 ♖c8 26.♕a1 ♗f4 0-1

186. * E48
Harikrishna, Penteala (2701) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2723)
Praha 153/186, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.a3 ♗d6 8.♕c2 c6 9.♘ge2 ♖e8 10.♗d2 b6 11.f3

11.O-O - 151/183

11...c5



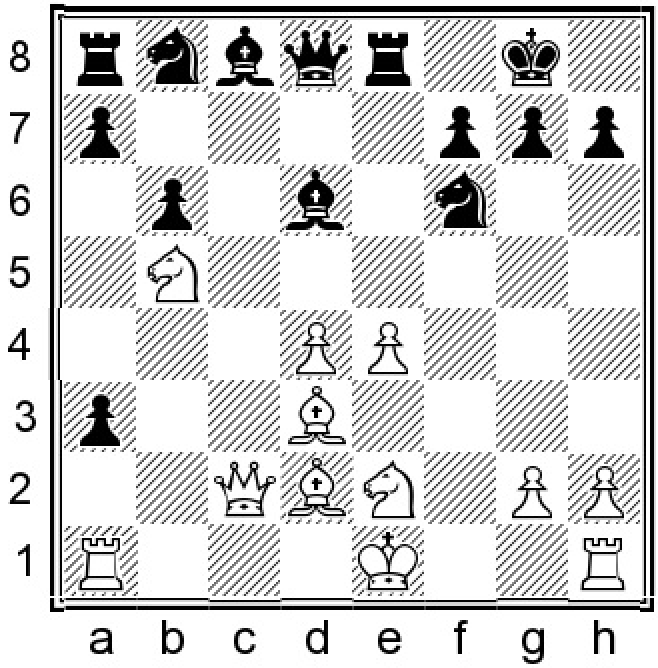
12.b4!?N

12.g4 - 153/(186) 12...c4 13.♗f5 ♗xf5 14.♕xf5 g6 15.♕g5 ♘c6 16.h4N (16.O-O ♗f8 17.♕h4 h6 18.♖ad1 b5 19.♕f2 (19.♘xb5?! ♖b8 20.♘bc3 ♖xb2∓) 19...♕d7 20.♕g2 ♗g7 21.h4 ♘e7 22.♘f4 a5 23.♘ce2 ♖eb8!? (23...♕b7 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5 ♘d7 26.♔f2 b4 27.♖h1∞) 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5 ♘e8 26.♔f2 b4∓) 16...♗f8 (16...♔g7!? 17.h5 h6 18.♕h4 g5 19.♕f2 ♕d7∓) 17.h5 b5?! (17...h6 18.♕h4 g5 19.♕h3 ♕d7∞) 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.♔f1 b4 20.axb4 ♘xb4 21.♘f4± Petrov,N (2558)-Anuj,S (2383) Paracin 153/(186) 2022

12...cxb4 13.♘b5 bxa3 14.e4

14.♘xd6?! ♕xd6 15.♕a4 a5 16.♕xa3 ♕xa3 17.♖xa3 ♗a6∓

14...dxe4 15.fxe4



15...♗a6! 16.e5 ♗xe5 17.dxe5 ♖xe5 18.♗c3 ♘c6?!

18...♗xb5 19.♗xe5 ♕xd3 20.♕xd3 ♗xd3 21.♖xa3 ♗c4 22.♗xf6 gxf6∞

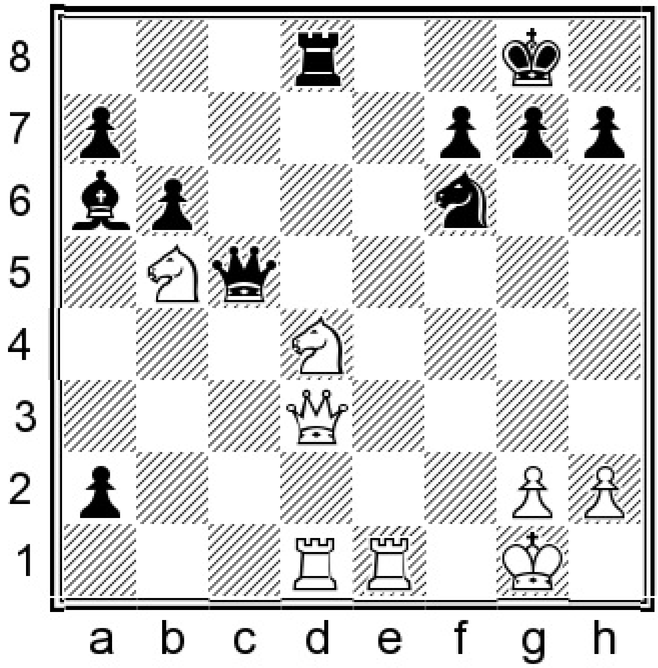
19.♖d1 ♕e7 20.♗xe5 ♘xe5 21.O-O ♘xd3

21...a2 22.♘ed4 (22.♕c7 ♘fd7 23.♘ed4±) 22...♘xd3 23.♖xd3±

22.♕xd3 ♕c5+ 23.♘ed4 ♖d8

23...a2 24.♕f5 ♖d8 25.♖c1 ♕xf5 26.♖xf5 ♗b7 27.♘b3 ♗d5 28.♘a1+-

24.♖fe1 a2



25.♕c3! h6 26.♕xc5 bxc5 27.♘c7 ♗c4

27...cxd4 28.♘xa6 d3 29.♖a1 d2 30.♖ed1+-

28.♘c6!+- ♖xd1 29.♖xd1 ♗d3

29...♘e4 30.♘a5 ♗d3 31.♖a1! ♗b1 32.♘d5 f5 33.♘b3

30.♖a1 ♗b1 31.♔f2 ♘g4+ 32.♔e2 ♘xh2 33.♘e5 f6 34.♘c4 ♗e4 35.♘e3 f5 36.♖xa2 g5 37.♘cd5 ♔f7 38.♘c3 1-0

E50-E74

187. E66
Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2645) - Salem, AR Saleh (2690)
Sharjah 153/187, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.d5 ♘a5 8.b3 c5 9.♗b2 a6 10.O-O ♖b8 11.♘d2 b5 12.♕c2 ♖e8 13.e4

13.♖ad1 - 35/678

13...e6 14.♘d1 bxc4 15.bxc4 exd5 16.cxd5 ♗d7 17.♘c3N

17.♗c3?! ♗b5 18.♘e3 (18.♖e1? ♘xd5-+) 18...♗xf1 19.♖xf1 ♘d7∓; 17.f3 ♖b4 (17...h5!?) 18.♗c3 ♗a4 19.♕c1 ♗b5 (19...♘d7 20.♗xg7 ♔xg7 21.♘e3 ♕f6 22.f4 ♕d4 23.♖e1 ♗b5∞) 20.♖f2 ♘xd5! 21.♗xg7 ♔xg7 22.exd5 ♖e1+ 23.♗f1 ♕f6! 24.♔g2 ♖d4 (24...♕d4∞) 25.♗xb5 axb5∞; 17.a4 c4 18.♖b1 ♕c7∞

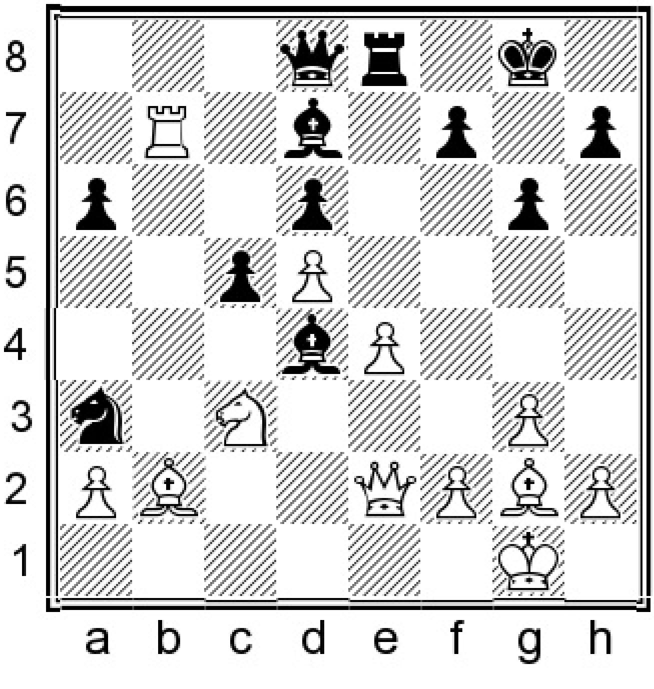
17...♘g4! 18.♖ab1 ♘e5 19.♗a1 ♖xb1

19...♘ec4 20.♖xb8 ♕xb8 21.♘xc4 ♘xc4 22.♕e2 ♘a3 23.♕xa6 ♘c2 24.♖b1 ♕a8 25.♕xa8 ♖xa8 26.♗b2 f5∓

20.♖xb1 ♘ac4 21.♘xc4 ♘xc4 22.♕e2 ♘a3 23.♖b7 ♗d4

23...♗e5 24.h3 c4∓

24.♗b2?!



24.♗f1 ♕c8 25.♕xa6 c4 26.♗b2 ♘c2 (26...♘b1 27.♘xb1 ♗xb2 28.♕b6 c3 29.♗d3 ♗h3 30.♕c6∞) 27.♗xc4 ♘e1 28.♗e2□ (28.a4? ♖f8 29.♖b3 ♘f3+ 30.♔h1 ♘d2-+) 28...h5 29.♔f1 ♘c2 30.♔g1 ♘e1=

24...♘b5! 25.♘xb5 ♗xb5 26.♕f3 f5! 27.♗xd4 cxd4 28.♗f1 ♕c8

28...♗xf1 29.♔xf1 ♕c8 30.♖b4 fxe4 31.♕e2 ♕c1+ 32.♕e1 ♕c5-+

29.♗xb5 axb5 30.♖a7 ♕c3 31.♕f4

31.♕xc3 dxc3 32.♖c7 b4 33.exf5 ♖e2-+

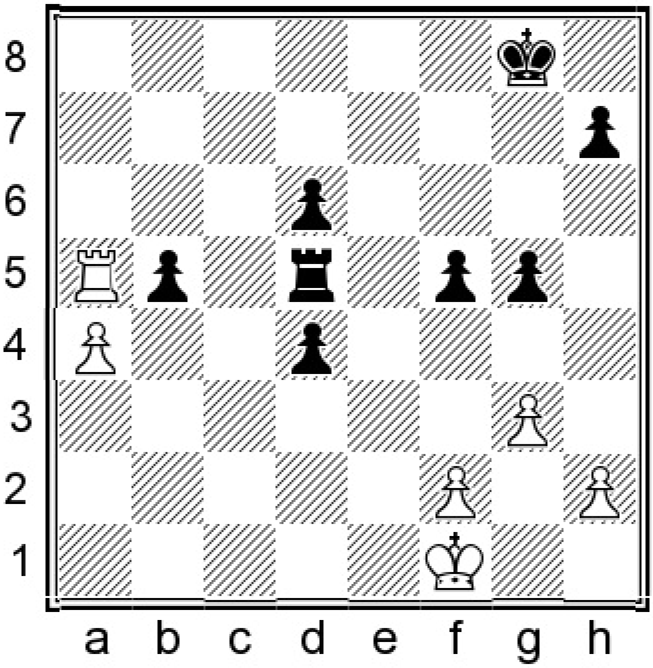
31...♕e1+ 32.♔g2 ♕xe4+ 33.♕xe4 ♖xe4

33...fxe4 34.♖b7 d3 35.♖xb5 ♔f7 36.a4 ♖c8-+

34.♖a3 ♖e5

34...g5 35.♖b3 ♔f7 36.♖xb5 ♔f6-+

35.♔f1 g5 36.♖a5 ♖xd5 37.a4



37...♔f7! 38.axb5 ♔e6 39.♔e2 ♔e5 40.f3 h5 41.♔d3 ♖c5 42.f4+ gxf4 43.gxf4+ ♔d5 44.h4 ♖c3+ 45.♔d2 ♔e4-+ 46.♖a8 ♖b3 47.♖b8 d3 48.b6 ♔d4

48...♖b2+ 49.♔d1 ♔e3 50.♖e8+ ♔xf4

49.b7 ♖b1 50.♖d8 ♖b2+ 51.♔d1 ♖xb7 52.♖xd6+ ♔e3 53.♖e6+ ♔xf4 54.♔d2 ♖b3 55.♖h6 ♔g4 56.♖g6+ ♔f3 57.♖h6 ♔g4 58.♖g6+ ♔xh4 59.♔e3 ♖b1 60.♔xd3 ♖e1 61.♔d2 ♖e5 62.♖g8 f4 63.♖f8 ♔g3 64.♖g8+ ♔f2 0-1

188. E71
Sanchez Alvarez, Roberto Carlos (2431) - Amin, Bassem (2680)
Chennai (ol) 153/188, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 ♘bd7 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 h5

7...♘c5 - 148/192

8.♕d2 ♘c5 9.f3 h4 10.♗g5 ♖h5N

10...♗f8 11.b4 ♘cd7 12.♗d3 ♗e7 13.♗e3 a5 14.bxa5 ♖xa5 (14...c6 15.♘ge2 ♕xa5 16.O-O ♘h5∞) 15.♘ge2 ♘h5=

11.b4

11.♗e3 a5 12.♗d3 ♖h8 13.♘ge2 ♘h5 14.♗c2 ♗d7∞

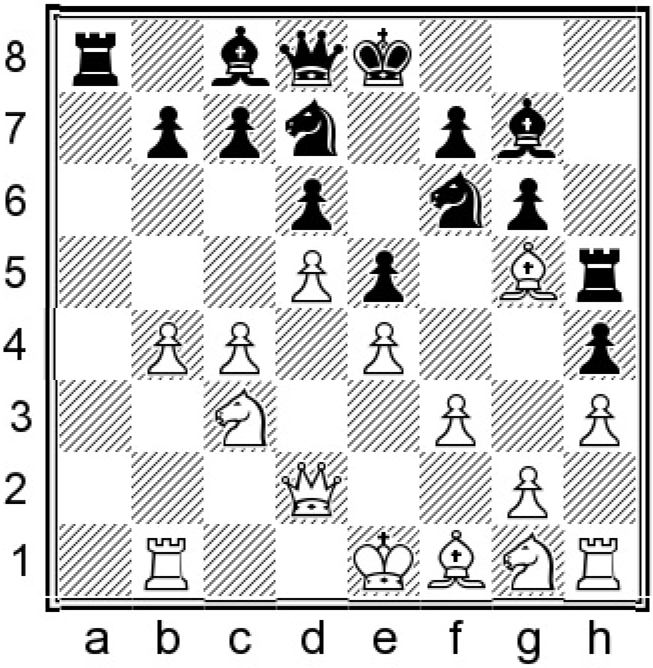
11...♘cd7 12.a3?!

12.♗e3 a5 13.bxa5 ♖xa5 14.♘ge2 ♘c5 15.♘c1 ♖h8 16.♗e2 ♘h5 17.O-O ♘f4∞

12...a5 13.♖b1 axb4

13...♖xg5!?

14.axb4



14...c5

14...♖xg5! 15.♕xg5 ♘h5 16.♕c1 (16.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 17.♘ge2 (17.♗d3 ♘g3 18.♖h2 ♗h6 19.♘ge2 ♖a3∓) 17...♗h6 18.♖g1 (18.♘d1 ♖a2∓) 18...♗e3 19.♘d1 ♗xg1 20.♘xg1 f5∓) 16...c5! 17.dxc6 (17.b5 ♘b6∓) 17...bxc6 18.♘ge2 ♔f8 19.b5 ♘c5 20.♕d2 cxb5 21.cxb5 ♗f6 22.♖d1 ♗e7∓

15.♘b5?

15.dxc6 bxc6 16.♗e3 ♘b6∞

15...♖a6?

15...♖xg5! 16.♕xg5 (16.♘xd6+ ♔f8 17.♕xg5 (17.♘xc8 ♘e8-+) 17...cxb4 18.♕d2 (18.♕xh4 ♖a2 19.♘xc8 ♕xc8-+) 18...♘c5 19.♘xc8 b3-+) 16...cxb4 17.♘e2 ♘c5 18.♘c1 ♕b6 19.♕xh4 ♗d7∓

16.♗e3 ♗f8 17.♗d3 cxb4 18.♕xb4

18.♘e2 ♘c5 19.♗c2 ♗d7 20.♕xb4±

18...♘c5 19.♗xc5

19.♕d2 ♕a5 (19...♗d7 20.♘c3 ♖a3 21.♗xc5 dxc5 22.♘ge2±) 20.♕xa5 ♖xa5 21.♗xc5 dxc5 22.♔f2 ♔e7 23.♘e2 ♗d7 24.♘ec3±

19...dxc5 20.♕b2 ♗h6 21.♔f2 ♔f8 22.♘e2 ♘e8

22...♖g5!? 23.♖a1 ♔g7 24.♖xa6 bxa6 25.♘bc3 ♘h5∞

23.♖hd1 ♗d7 24.♗c2 ♔g8 25.♖a1 ♕f6

25...♗xb5! 26.♕xb5 (26.cxb5 ♖xa1 27.♖xa1 ♘d6∓) 26...♘d6 27.♕xc5 ♗f8 28.♔f1 ♘xe4 29.♕e3 ♖xa1 30.♖xa1 ♘d6∓

26.♖xa6 ♕xa6?

26...bxa6! 27.♘bc3 ♘d6 28.♕b8+ (28.♗d3 ♖g5 29.♕b8+ ♔g7 30.♕c7 ♖xg2+! 31.♔xg2 ♗xh3+ 32.♔xh3 (32.♔f2? ♗g4 33.♘g1 h3-+) 32...♕xf3+ 33.♔h2 ♕f2+=) 28...♔g7 29.♕c7 ♘xc4! 30.♕xd7 ♘e3 31.♖b1 (31.♖c1 ♘xg2 32.♔xg2 ♗xc1 33.♘xc1 ♕g5+-+) 31...♕g5 32.g4 hxg3+ 33.♘xg3 ♘xc2 34.♘f5+ (34.♘xh5+ ♕xh5 35.♕g4 ♗e3+ 36.♔f1 ♕h6 37.♘d1 ♗d4=∞) 34...gxf5 35.♖g1 ♕xg1+ 36.♔xg1 ♗e3+ 37.♔f1 ♖g5 38.♕e7 ♖g1+ 39.♔e2 c4 40.♕xe5+ ♔g8 41.♕e8+ ♔g7 42.♕e5+ ♔g8=

27.d6

27.♘bc3 ♔g7 28.♖a1 ♕xc4 29.♕xb7±

27...♗f8?!

27...♕b6 28.♘ec3 ♖g5 29.♗a4±

28.♘c7 ♕c6

28...♕xc4 29.♘xe8 ♗xe8 30.d7 ♗xd7 31.♖xd7+-

29.♘xe8 ♗xe8 30.♘c3+- ♗xd6 31.♗a4 b5 32.♗xb5 ♕b6 33.♘d5 1-0

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.h4!? ♘c6

6...c5 - 150/ (193)

7.d5

7.h5 e5 8.d5 ♘d4 9.h6 ♗h8 10.♗g5 ♕e8 11.♗d3 ♘h5 12.♘ge2 ♗g4 13.♕d2 c5⇄; 7.♘f3 ♗g4 8.♗e3 e5 9.d5 ♗xf3 10.♗xf3 ♘d4 11.g3 c6⇄

7...♘e5 8.h5 c6 9.h6

9.♘f3 ♘xf3+ (RR9...♘eg4 10.h6! ♗h8 11.O-O⩲ - 153/189, Stoica, Valentin) 10.♗xf3 cxd5 11.cxd5 b5N (11...♗d7 12.♗e3 b5 13.♕d2 ♕a5 14.h6 ♗h8 15.♗d4 b4 16.♘e2 ♗b5 17.O-O ♗xe2 18.♕xe2 ♘d7 19.♗xh8 ♔xh8 20.♖fc1 ♘e5 21.a3⩲; 11...e6!?) 12.hxg6 (12.♘xb5 ♕a5+ 13.♘c3 ♘xe4 14.♗xe4 ♗xc3+ 15.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 16.♗d2 ♕e5 17.O-O ♕xe4 18.♖e1 ♕xd5 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.♖xe7 ♗b7 21.f3∞; 12.♗e3!?) 12...fxg6 13.♗h6?! (13.O-O ♗d7 14.♘e2⩲) 13...♗xh6 14.♖xh6 ♕b6 15.♕d2 b4 16.♘d1 ♗a6⩱ Zarubitski,V (2457)-Melkumyan,H (2655) Jermuk 153/(189) 2022

9...♗h8 10.♘f3 ♘eg4N

10...♘xf3+ 11.♗xf3 cxd5 (11...♘d7 12.♗e3 c5 13.♗e2 ♕b6 14.♕d2 ♘e5 15.♖c1 f5 16.f4 ♘g4 17.♗xg4 fxg4 18.O-O⩲) 12.cxd5 ♕b6 (12...♗d7 13.♗e3 b5 14.♕d2 ♕a5 - 9.Nf3) 13.O-O ♘d7 14.♖b1 ♘e5 (14...♗xc3?! 15.♗e3 ♕a5 16.bxc3±) 15.♗e2 f5 16.♗e3 ♕a5 17.b4 ♕d8 18.exf5 ♗xf5 19.♖c1 ♕d7 20.♘b5⩲

11.O-O⩲ - 153/189 **11...♕b6**

11...cxd5 12.exd5 ♘h5 13.♘d4⩲

12.♕b3

12.a4 a5 13.♘e1 ♘e5 14.♗e3!? ♕xb2 15.♖c1! (15.♗d4 c5 16.♖b1 cxd4 17.♖xb2 dxc3 18.♖a2 ♘xe4⯹) 15...♘eg4 16.♗d4 c5 17.♖b1 ♕xb1 (17...cxd4 18.♖xb2 dxc3 19.♖a2 ♘xh6 20.f3±) 18.♘xb1 cxd4 19.♘d2 ♘xh6 20.f3 ♘d7 21.g4⩲

12...♘h5!?

12...♘d7 - 12... Nh5

13.♘h2

13.♕xb6 axb6 14.♖e1 ♗d7 15.a4 ♖fc8 16.♗g5 ♗f6∞; 13.♘a4 ♕c7 14.♗g5 e6 15.♘h2 ♘xh2 16.♔xh2 ♘f6 17.♕f3 ♘e8!? Δ f5∞

13...♘hf6

13...♘xh2 14.♔xh2 ♗d7 15.♕c2⩲; 13...f5 14.♘xg4 fxg4 15.c5! ♕xb3 16.axb3 g3 17.♗e3⩲

14.♘f3

14.♗g5!? ♕xb3 15.axb3 ♘xh2 16.♔xh2 ♗d7 17.f3 cxd5 (17...♖fe8 18.g4 cxd5 19.cxd5 ♖ec8 20.♖fc1 e6 21.dxe6 ♗xe6 22.b4⩲) 18.exd5 ♖fe8 19.g4 e6 20.dxe6 ♖xe6 21.♗d3 ♗c6 22.b4 b6 23.b5 ♗b7 24.♔g3⩲

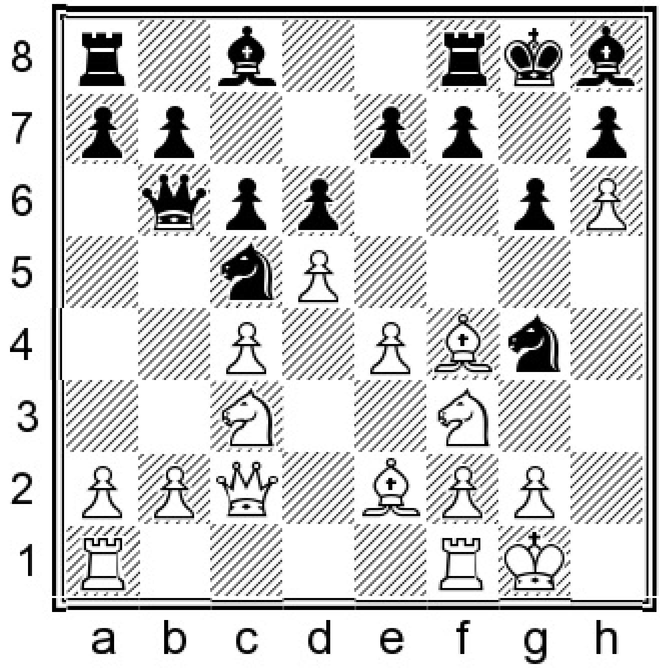
14...♘d7

14...♘h5

15.♕c2

15.♗g5 ♘c5!? 16.♕xb6 axb6 17.♗xe7 ♖e8 18.♗xd6 ♗xc3 19.♗xc5 ♗xb2 20.♖ab1 ♖xa2 21.♗xb6 ♖xe4 22.♗d3 ♖e8 23.♘g5 ♗e5 (23...♘xh6 24.♘e4 ♗e5 25.f4 f5 26.fxe5 fxe4 27.♗xe4 ♖xe5 28.♗f3=∞) 24.♖fe1 ♗d7⇄ 25.♘e4 (25.g3 cxd5 26.cxd5 ♘xh6∞) 25...♗h2+ 26.♔h1 (26.♔f1 f5⇄) 26...♗e5 27.♗f1 (27.f3 ♘f6 28.♗g1 ♘xe4 29.♗xe4 ♗g3! 30.♖ed1 ♖e5⇄) 27...♖b2 28.♖xb2 ♗xb2 29.d6 c5! 30.♗xc5 ♗c6 31.♖d1 ♘xh6 32.f3 f5 33.♘g5 ♗f6 34.♘h3 ♘f7 35.♘f4 ♗g5 36.♘d5 ♖d8=

15...♘c5 16.♗f4



16...a5

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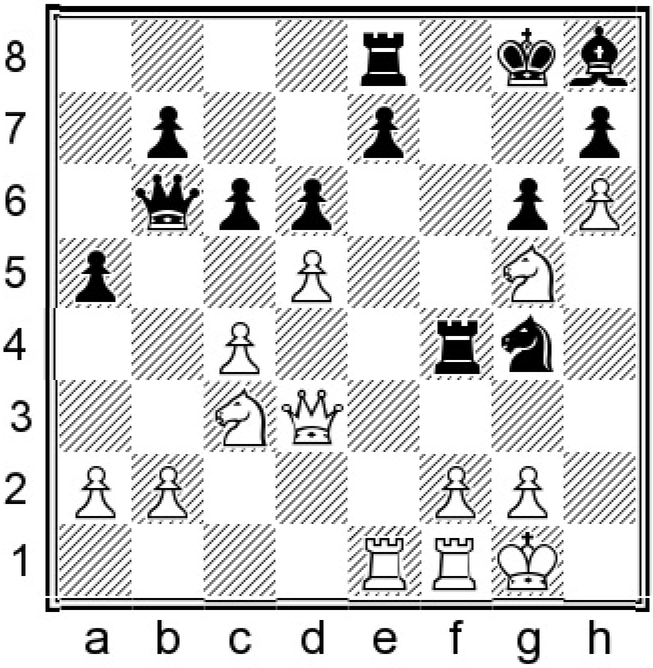
17.♖ae1

17.♕d2 a4 18.♖ad1 f5⇄

17...f5 18.exf5 ♖xf5!?

18...♗xf5 19.♕d2 ♖ae8 (19...♗d7 20.♗g5 ♖f7 21.♗d1±) 20.♘g5↑ ♘d3 21.♗xd3 ♗xd3 22.♕xd3 ♖xf4



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19.♗g5 ♕d8 20.♕d2 ♕f8 21.♗d1! ♖f7 22.b3

22.♘a4!? ♘xa4 23.♗xa4 c5 24.♘h2±

22...♘xh6 23.dxc6

23.♗e3 ♘g4 (23...♘f5 24.♗xc5 dxc5 25.dxc6 bxc6 26.♘e5±) 24.♗xc5 dxc5 25.♘a4! (25.♘e4 ♖f5 26.♘fg5 h5! 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.♘f3 ♘e5 29.♘eg5 ♗f6 30.♗c2 ♘xf3+ 31.♘xf3 ♖xf3! 32.gxf3 ♗h3 33.♗xg6 ♔h8 34.♕f4 ♕g7 35.♔h2 ♗xf1 36.♕f5 ♗d4 37.♕xh5+ ♔g8 38.♖xf1 ♕e5+ 39.♕xe5 ♗xe5+ 40.♔g2 a4⇄) 25...♖f5 26.♘b6 ♖b8 27.♘xc8 ♖xc8 28.♘g5 ♘h2!? 29.♔xh2 ♕h6+ 30.♔g1 ♖xg5 31.♗g4 ♗f6 32.d6! ♖d8 33.dxe7 ♖xd2 34.e8=♕+ ♕f8 35.♕e6+ ♔g7 36.f4 ♖xg4 37.♕xg4 h5 38.♕h3 ♕d6 (38...♖xa2 39.f5±) 39.a4 ♖d3 40.♖f3±

23...bxc6∞ 24.♘d4

24.♗e3 ♘e6 Δ Nf5∞

24.♘a4 ♘g4 25.♘xc5 dxc5 26.♗h4 ♗f6⇄

24...♘f5

24...♗xd4!? 25.♕xd4 ♘f5 26.♕d2 e5⇄

25.♘xc6?!

25.♘xf5 ♗xf5 26.♗f3 ♕e8 27.♗xe7!? ♖xe7 28.♗xc6 ♖xe1 29.♗xe8 ♖xf1+ 30.♔xf1 ♖xe8 31.♘d5 ♗e5 32.♕xa5 ♗d4∞

25...♗b7 26.♗f3 ♖a6∓ 27.♘xe7+

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27...♘xe7 28.♗xb7 ♗xc3! 29.♕xc3 ♘xb7 30.♖e2 h6 31.♗c1 ♖a8! 32.♗b2 ♔h7 33.♖fe1 ♘c5 34.♕d2 ♘f5∓ 35.♕d5 h5!?

35...a4 36.g4 ♘g7 37.b4 ♘d7 38.♕xf7 ♕xf7 39.♖e7 ♖f8 40.♖xf7 ♖xf7 41.a3 g5∓

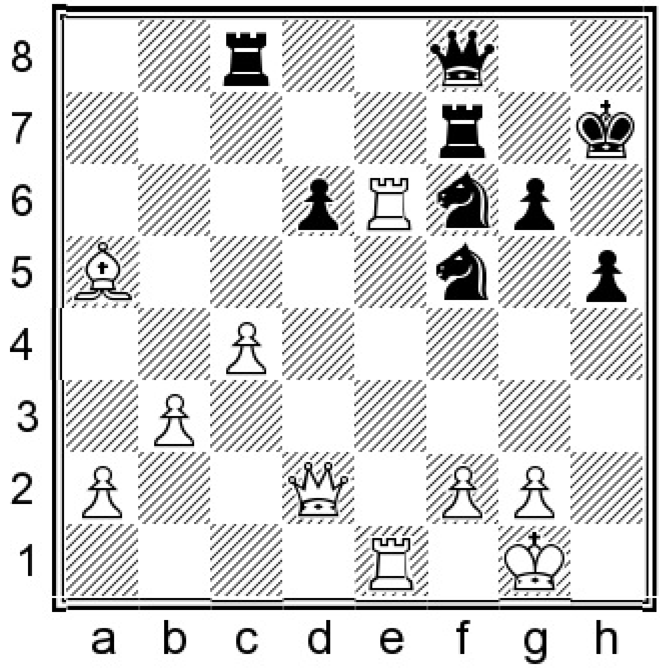
36.♗c3 ♘d7 37.♖e6

37.♗xa5 ♘f6 38.♕d2 d5! 39.cxd5 ♕c5 40.♗c3 ♘xd5 41.♗a1 ♘f6∓

37...♖c8! 38.♗xa5 ♘f6?!

38...♖c5 39.♕d2 ♘e5! 40.♗c3 (40.♗b4 ♕c8! 41.f4 ♕xe6 42.♗xc5 dxc5 43.♖xe5 ♕f6-+) 40...♕c8 41.♗xe5 ♕xe6 42.♗d4 ♕xe1+! 43.♕xe1 ♘xd4-+

39.♕d2



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41...♘g7!? 42.♖e2 ♕b8∓

42.♕g5!∞ ♕g8

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43.g4! hxg4 44.♕xg4

44.♖xd6 ♖e7 45.♕xg4 ♕e8 46.♖d5 ♘e5 47.♕h3+ ♘h6 48.♗xe5 ♖xe5 49.♕d7+ ♘f7 50.♕xe8 ♖xe8 51.a4 ♔g7 52.a5 ♔f6 53.b4=

44...♘e5 45.♕h3+ ♘h6 46.♖xd6 ♕e8 47.♕e6! ♖e7 48.♕d5 ♘ef7 49.♖f6 ♖d7 50.♕e6 ♖d1+ 51.♔g2 ♕xe6 52.♖xe6 ♘f5 53.♖e1 ♖d3 54.♖c1 ♘g5 55.♔f1 ♘e6 56.♗e5 ♖d2 57.b4! ♖xa2 58.c5 ♖a4 59.c6= ♖xb4 60.c7 ♘xc7 61.♖xc7+ ♔g8 62.♗g3 ♖a4 63.♔g2 ♖b4 64.♖a7 ♖c4 65.♖b7 ♔f8 66.♖a7 ♔g8 67.♖b7 ♔f8 68.♖a7 1/2-1/2

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9...♖e8 - 150/(193)

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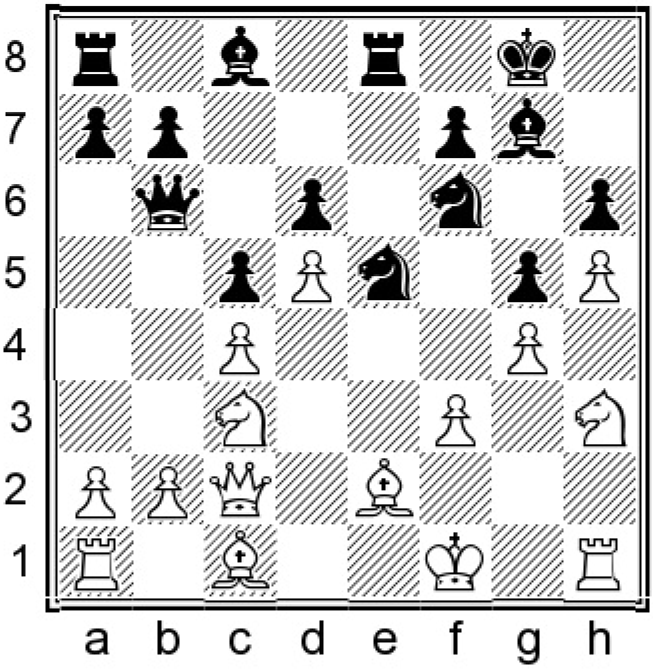

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15.♘f2 ♗d7 16.♔g2 ♖e7∞

15...hxg5 16.h6 ♗f8

16...♗h8? 17.h7+ ♔f8 18.♗xg5+-

17.♗xg5 ♘h7

17...♕d8 18.f4 ♘exg4 19.♗xg4 ♗xg4 20.♕g2 ♗e7 21.♖e1 ♔h8 22.h7±

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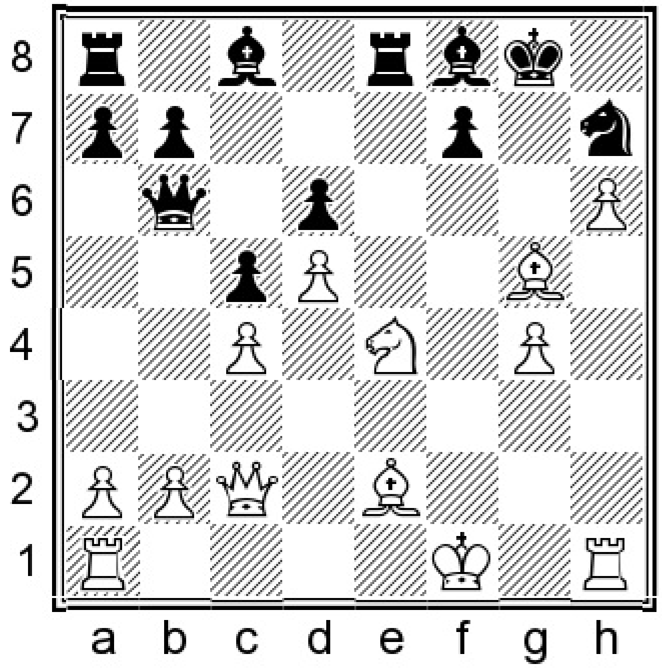

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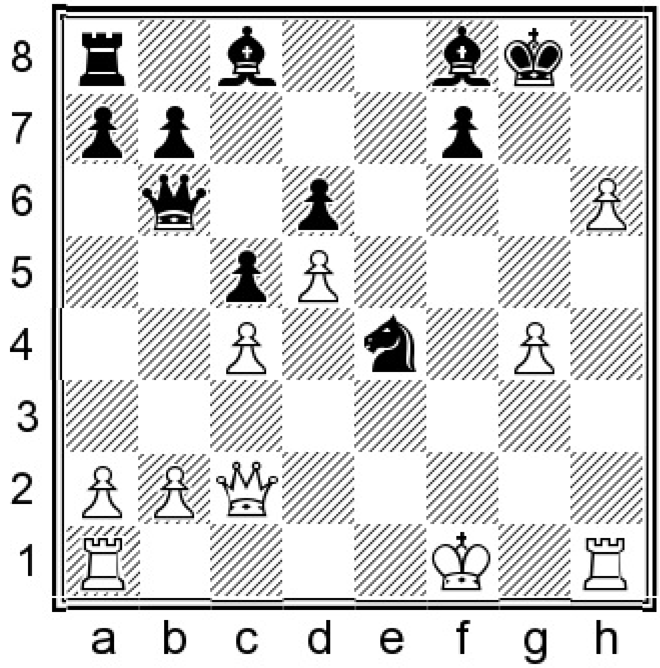
19...♖xe4! 20.♗d3 ♘xg5 21.♗xe4 ♘xe4



22.♖e1! ♗f5

22...♘g3+ 23.♔g2 ♗f5 (23...♘xh1 24.h7+ ♔h8 25.♕c3+ ♔xh7 26.♖xh1+ ♔g6 27.♕h8 ♕b4 28.♕h5+ ♔f6 29.♕h4+ ♔g6 30.♕h5+ ♔f6=) 24.gxf5 - 22...Bf5

23.gxf5 ♘g3+ 24.♔g2 ♘xh1 25.♔xh1?

25.♖g1!! ♕a5 (25...♘g3 26.♔xg3 ♗xh6 27.♔f3+ ♔f8 28.♕c3 ♔e7 29.♖e1+ ♔d7 30.♕f6 ♖d8 31.♕xf7+ ♔c8 32.♕e6+ ♔b8 33.♕xh6 ♕xb2=) 26.♔f3+! ♔h8 27.♕g2 ♘g3 28.♕xg3 ♗xh6 29.♕xd6 ♕a6 30.♕e5+ ♔h7 (30...f6? 31.♕h2 ♔h7 32.♖g6+-) 31.♕e7 ♖g8 32.♕xf7+ ♖g7 33.♖xg7+ ♗xg7 34.♕e6 ♕xe6 35.fxe6 ♔g6 36.d6 ♔f6 37.e7 ♔f7 38.♔e4 ♗xb2 39.a4=

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29...♔h7! 30.f6 ♕e8 31.♖e1 ♕h8-+

30.♕h3! ♕f8 31.♖g6 ♔h7 32.♕h5

32.a4=

32...♖e8

32...b5 33.cxb5 a6 34.a4 axb5 35.axb5 ♖b8 36.♔g1 ♖xb5 37.♔f1! ♖xb2 38.♖xh6+ ♕xh6 39.♕f7+=

33.♔g2 ♖e5 34.a4 ♖e4 35.b3 b6 36.♔f3 ♖e3+ 37.♔f2 ♖e5 38.♔g2 a6 39.♔f2= ♖e7 40.♔f1 ♖b7 41.♔f2 ♖a7

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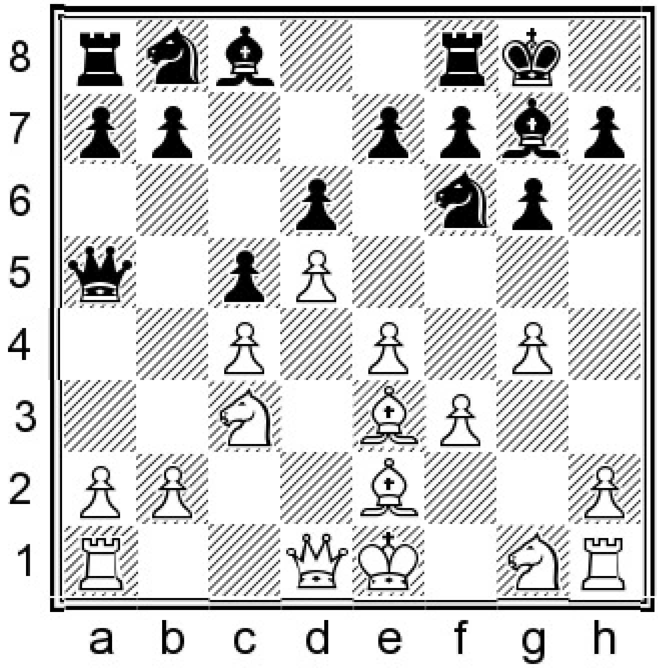

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9...e6

10.cxb5 a6 11.♕d2

11.bxa6 ♗xa6 (11...♘xa6 12.♕d2 h5 13.g5 ♘d7∓) 12.♗xa6 ♘xa6 (12...♕xa6 13.♘ge2 ♘bd7=∞) 13.♘e2 ♖fb8 14.♕d2 ♘d7∓; 11.a4 axb5 12.♗xb5 ♗a6 13.♗d2 ♘fd7 14.♘ge2 ♘e5 15.O-O ♘c4=∞; 11.♗d2 axb5 12.♘xb5 ♕b6 13.a4 h5 14.g5 ♘e8 15.♗c3 ♘c7 16.♗xg7 ♔xg7 17.♘xc7 ♕xc7=∞

11...♘bd7 12.b6

12.a4 axb5 13.♘xb5 ♘b6 14.♕xa5 ♖xa5 15.♘c3 ♘fd7=∞

12...♘xb6 13.♘h3?!

13.♖c1 h5 14.gxh5 ♘xh5 15.f4 e6 16.dxe6 ♗xe6∓

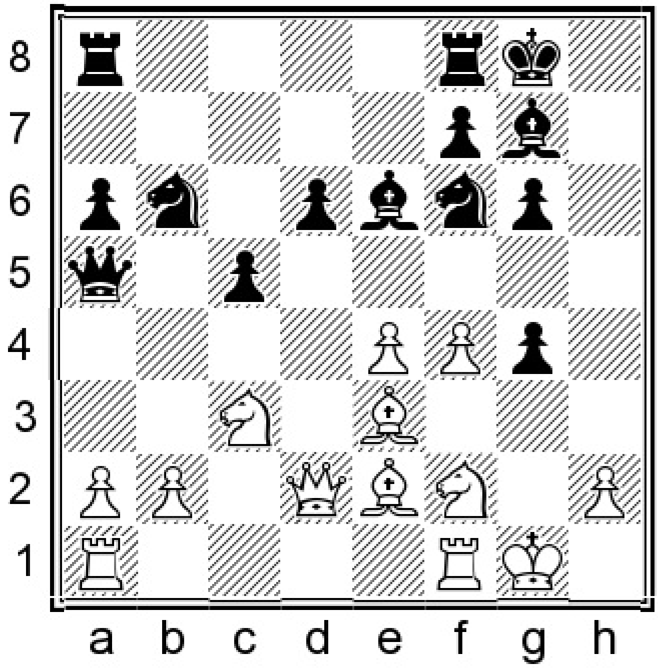
13...h5! 14.♘f2 hxg4 15.f4

15.fxg4?! ♘xg4! 16.♘xg4 ♗xg4 17.♗xg4 ♘c4 18.♕e2 ♘xb2!-+

15...e6

15...♘a4! 16.O-O ♖b8 17.♘xa4 (17.♖ab1 ♘h5∓) 17...♕xa4 18.b3 ♕b4∓

16.dxe6 ♗xe6 17.O-O



17...♘a4! 18.♘fd1

18.♖ad1 ♘xc3 19.bxc3 ♕xa2 20.♕xa2 ♗xa2 21.♖xd6 a5 22.♗xc5 a4∓

18...♖ad8

⌓18...♖fe8 19.f5 (19.♗d3 ♘xc3 20.♘xc3 c4 21.♗c2 ♖ab8-+) 19...♘xc3 20.♘xc3 ♘xe4! 21.♘xe4 ♕xd2 22.♗xd2 ♗xf5 23.♘g3 ♗d4+ 24.♔g2 ♗e6-+

19.f5 ♗c8 20.fxg6 fxg6 21.♘xa4 ♕xa4 22.♘c3 ♕e8 23.♗g5

23.♖ad1 ♕e6 24.♖f4 ♗b7∓

23...♕e5 24.♗c4+ ♔h7 25.♖ae1 ♖de8 26.♗f4 ♕d4+ 27.♕xd4 cxd4 28.♗xd6

28.♘d5 ♘xd5 29.♗xd5 ♗e5∓

28...dxc3 29.♗xf8 ♖xf8 30.bxc3 ♖e8 31.♗d5 ♘d7 32.♔g2 ♘e5 33.♖b1 ♗d7

33...♘f3 34.♖b8 ♗e5 35.♖a8 ♔g7 36.♗e6 ♖xe6 37.♖xc8 ♘h4+ 38.♔g1 ♔h6-+

34.♖b7 ♗b5

34...♔h6 35.c4 ♖h8 36.c5 ♗b5 37.♖f2 ♘d3-+

35.c4 ♗xc4?

35...♗d7 36.♖fb1 ♖f8 37.c5 ♔h6 38.♖a7 ♗b5-+

36.♗xc4 ♘xc4 37.♖ff7 ♖g8 38.♖a7?

38.♖bc7 ♘e5 39.♖fe7 ♔h6 40.♔g3 a5∓

38...♔h6 39.♖xa6 ♖d8 40.♖aa7 ♖d2+ 41.♔g3 ♖d3+ 42.♔g2 ♗e5 43.♖ad7 ♖c3-+ 44.♔f1 ♖c2 45.h4 gxh3 46.♖h7+ ♔g5 47.♖xh3 ♖xa2 48.♖hd3 ♔g4 49.♔g1 ♗h2+ 50.♔h1 ♗f4 51.♖d1 ♖h2+ 52.♔g1 ♘e5 53.♖g7 ♘f3+ 54.♔f1 g5 55.♖d3 ♖h1+ 56.♔g2 ♖g1+ 57.♔f2 ♗g3+ 0-1

E75-E99

192. * E81
Van Foreest, Jorden (2702) - Jones, Gawain C B (2665)
France 153/192, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.♗e3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.♕xd8 ♖xd8 9.♗xc5 ♘c6 10.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 11.♔xd1

11.♘xd1 - 53/(587)

11...♘d7 12.♗f2 ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♘de5 14.♘e2 f5N

14...♘d3 15.♗h4 ♘b2+ 16.♔c1 ♘xc4 17.♘d4 ♘4a5 18.♗b5 ♔f8 19.♖d1 ♔e8=; 14...♗e6 - 153/(192) 15.♘d4 ♗xc4 16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.♗g3N (17.♗xc4 ♘xc4 18.♔e2 ♖b8=; 17.♗d4 ♖b8 18.♔c2 ♗xf1 19.♖xf1 ♘c4 20.f4 a5=; 17.♗c5 ♔f8 18.♗xc4 ♘xc4 19.♔c1 ♔e8 20.♖d1 a5=) 17...♖d8+ 18.♔c2 ♗xf1 (18...♘d3 19.a4 ♔f8 20.♗e2 ♔e8=) 19.♖xf1 ♘c4 20.♗f4 (20.♖f2 f6 21.♔b3 ♘b6=) 20...e5 21.♗c1 ♔f8 22.♖d1 ♖xd1 23.♔xd1 ♔e7 24.♔c2 c5 25.♔b3 ♘b6= L'Ami,E (2621)-Efimenko,Z (2597) Deutschland 153/(192) 2022

15.exf5

15.♘d4!? fxe4 16.fxe4 ♘a5 17.c5 ♗d7 18.♗g3 ♘ac4 (18...♘ec4 19.♔c1 ♘e3 20.♗e2± ♖c8 (20...♘xg2?! 21.♔d2±) 21.♘b3±) 19.♔c1 ♖d8 20.h3±

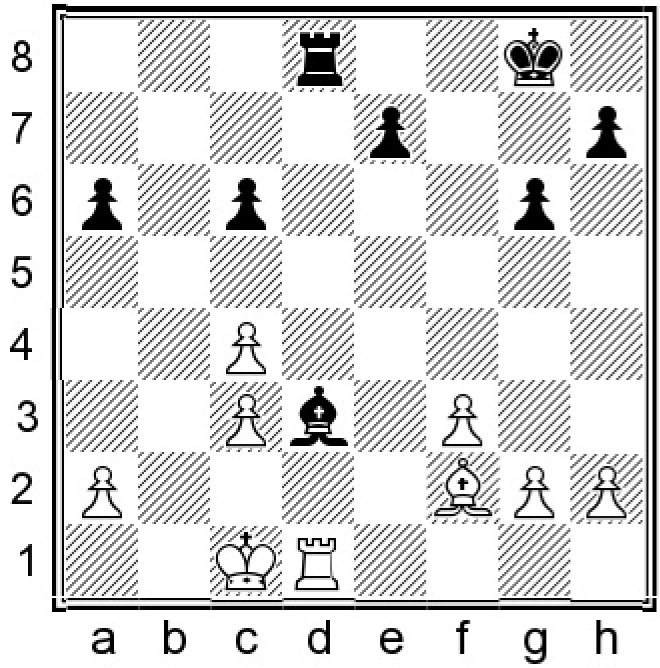
15...♗xf5

15...gxf5 16.♘d4 ♗d7 17.♔c1 ♔f7 18.c5 ♖c8 19.♗e2±

16.♘d4 ♖d8 17.♔c1 ♘d3+?

17...♘xd4 18.cxd4 ♘d3+ 19.♗xd3 ♗xd3 20.c5±

18.♗xd3 ♗xd3 19.♘xc6 bxc6 20.♖d1 a6



21.♖xd3! ♖xd3 22.♗d4 e5

22...c5 23.♔c2 ♖xd4 24.cxd4 cxd4 25.f4+-

23.♔c2 ♖xd4 24.cxd4 exd4 25.c5!+- ♔f7 26.♔d3 ♔e6 27.♔xd4 ♔f5 28.g3 a5 29.h4 h6 30.a3 a4 31.♔c3 ♔e6 32.♔b4 ♔d5 33.♔xa4 ♔xc5 34.♔b3 ♔d4 35.a4 ♔d3 36.a5 c5 37.a6 c4+ 38.♔b4 c3 39.a7 c2 40.a8=♕ c1=♕ 41.♕e4+ ♔d2 42.♕f4+ ♔d1 43.♕xc1+ ♔xc1 44.h5 1-0

193. E90
Aronian, Levon (2775) - Theodorou, Nikolas (2575)
Chennai (ol) 153/193, 2022

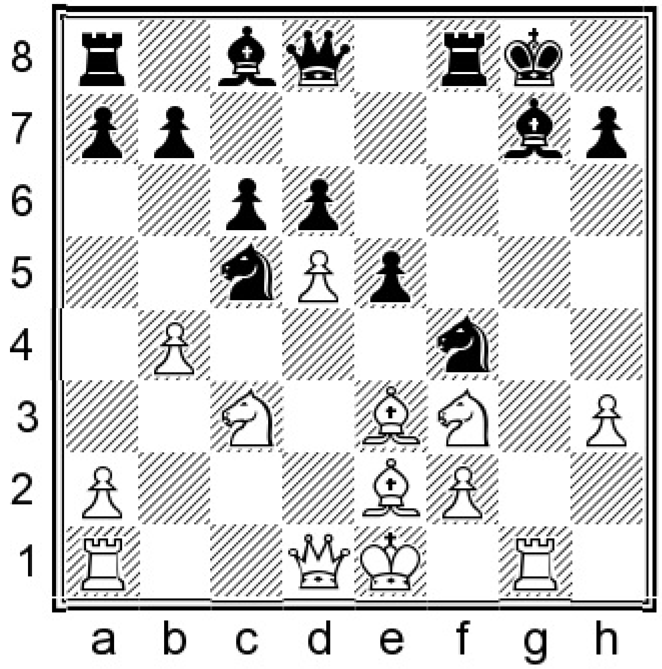
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.h3 c6 9.♘f3 ♘h5 10.g3 f5

10...cxd5 - 142/198

11.exf5 gxf5 12.c5N

12.dxc6

12...f4 13.gxf4 ♘xf4 14.♖g1 ♘xc5 15.b4



15.dxc6 bxc6 16.♘xe5 dxe5 (16...♕c7 17.♘c4 ♗xh3 18.♗xf4 ♖xf4 19.♘d5 cxd5 20.♕xd5+ ♔h8 21.♕xa8+ ♖f8 22.♕d5 ♗e6 23.♕xd6 ♕xd6 24.♘xd6 ♗xb2 25.♖d1 ♗c3+ 26.♔f1 ♗h3+ 27.♖g2 ♗xg2+ 28.♔xg2 ♗e5 29.♗f3 ♖g8+ 30.♔f1 ♖f8=) 17.♗xc5 ♗xh3 18.♗xf8 ♕xf8=∞

15...♘cd3+!?

15...♘d7 16.dxc6 ♘f6 17.cxb7 ♗xb7 18.♗xf4 exf4 19.♘d4 ♕d7 20.♕b3+ ♔h8∓; 15...e4! 16.♗d4 (16.bxc5 exf3 17.♗xf3 (17.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 18.♗xf3 dxc5 19.♗xc5 ♖f7∓) 17...♘g6∓) 16...♘g6 17.♗xg7 ♔xg7 18.♕d4+ ♕f6 19.♕xf6+ ♖xf6 20.♘g5 ♘d3+ 21.♔d2 ♘df4 22.♘gxe4 ♖f8∓

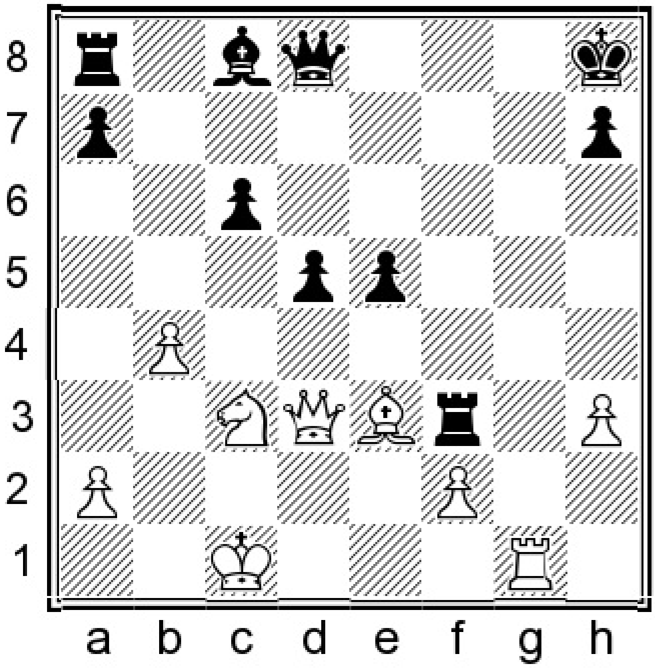
16.♗xd3 ♘xd3+ 17.♕xd3 ♖xf3 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.O-O-O

19.♕c4+ d5 (19...♖f7 20.♖d1 (20.♗h6 d5 21.♕xc6 ♗xh3= - 19...d5) 20...♗f5 21.♕xc6 ♖c8 22.♖xd6 ♕h4 23.♕d5 ♕xb4 24.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 25.♕xe5+ ♔f8 26.♖d8+ ♖xd8 27.♗c5+ ♕xc5 28.♕xc5+ ♔g8=) 20.♕xc6 ♗xh3 21.♘xd5 (21.♗h6 ♖f7 22.♖d1 ♖c8 23.♕xd5 ♕xd5 24.♖xd5 ♔h8 25.♖g3 ♗e6 26.♗xg7+ ♖xg7 27.♖xe5 ♖xg3 28.fxg3 ♖xc3 29.♖xe6 ♖a3=) 21...♔h8 22.♘e7 ♖xe3+ 23.fxe3 ♖b8 24.♕c5 ♕d3 25.♖d1 ♕e4=∞

19...d5 20.♖xg7+

20.♕e4 ♖f7 21.♕xe5 ♕e7 22.♕xe7 ♖xe7 23.b5 ♔h8 24.♗d4 ♗xd4 25.♖xd4 ♗xh3 26.bxc6 ♖c7 27.♖xd5 ♖xc6 28.♖g3 ♗e6 29.♖a5 ♖f8=

20...♔xg7 21.♖g1+ ♔h8



22.♗d4! exd4

22...♕f6? 23.♕xf3+-

23.♕xf3 ♕d6□

23...dxc3? 24.♕f4+-

24.♖g5?

24.♘e2 ♗d7 25.♕f7 (25.♘xd4 ♖f8 26.♕e3 c5 27.♘c2 cxb4 28.♕xa7 ♕f4+ 29.♕e3=) 25...♕h6+ 26.♔d1 ♗xh3 27.♖g3 ♗e6 28.♕b7 ♖f8 29.♕xa7 ♖xf2 30.♔e1 ♕f6 31.♕b8+ ♕f8 32.♕e5+ ♕f6 33.♕b8+=

24...h6?!

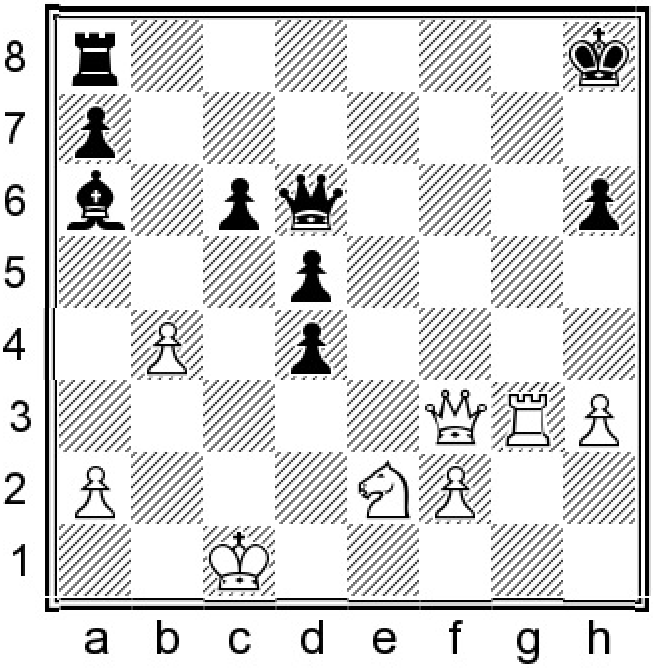
24...dxc3? 25.♕f7+-; 24...♗d7! 25.♕f7 (25.♘d1 ♖f8-+) 25...♕f8! 26.♕xd7 (26.♕xf8+ ♖xf8 27.♘d1 ♗xh3-+) 26...♕f4+ 27.♔d1 ♕xg5-+

25.♖g3 ♗a6

25...dxc3 26.♕e3 ♕f8 27.♕e5+ ♔h7 28.♕c7+ ♔h8=

26.♕f7?

26.♘e2



26...♕e5 (26...♗xe2 27.♕xe2 ♖f8 28.♕d2 ♕f4 (28...♖f4 29.♕e2 ♖e4 30.♕f3 ♖f4 31.♕e2=) 29.♕xf4 ♖xf4 30.♖g6 ♖xf2 31.♖xh6+ ♔g7 32.♖xc6=) 27.♕f4 ♕xf4+ 28.♘xf4 ♗b5 29.♘e6 d3 30.♘c7 ♖b8 31.♘xb5 ♖xb5 32.a3 a5 33.♖g6 axb4 34.axb4 ♖xb4 35.♖xh6+ ♔g7 36.♖xc6 ♖c4+ 37.♖xc4 dxc4 38.♔d2 ♔f6 39.f4 ♔f5 40.♔e3 d2 41.♔xd2=

26...♕f8 27.♕c7 ♕f6 28.♘d1 ♗e2-+ 29.f4 ♖e8 30.♕d7 ♖f8 31.♖g1 d3 32.♕xa7 ♗xd1 33.♔xd1 ♕b2 0-1

194. E90
Nikolov, Momchil (2454) - Mchedlishvili, Mikheil (2595)
Sharjah 153/194, 2022

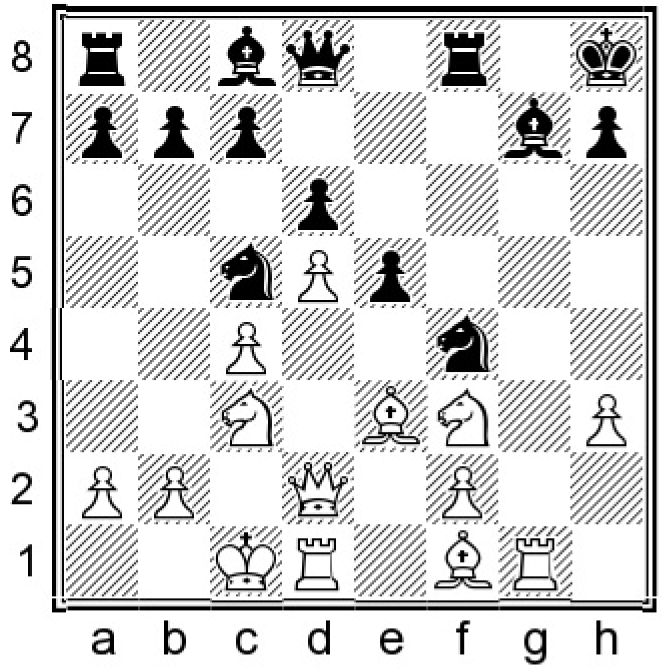
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 O-O 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.♘f3 ♘h5 9.g3 f5 10.exf5 gxf5 11.♕d2 f4 12.gxf4 ♘xf4 13.O-O-O

13.♖g1 - 125/196

13...♘c5N

13...♔h8

14.♖g1 ♔h8?!



14...b6 15.b4 (15.♘g5 a5∞) 15...♘fd3+ 16.♗xd3 ♘xd3+ 17.♕xd3 ♖xf3 18.♕e4 (18.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 19.♗h6+ ♔xh6 20.♕xf3 ♕g5+ 21.♔b2 ♗d7∞) 18...♕f8 19.♖g5 ♖f7∞

15.♗xc5?!

15.♖xg7! ♔xg7 16.♘xe5 ♕f6 (16...dxe5 17.♗xc5 ♖f7 18.♕e3±) 17.♘g4 (17.♘f3 ♔g8 18.♘d4±) 17...♗xg4 18.hxg4 ♔g8 19.♘b5 ♖f7 20.♘d4 h5 21.gxh5 ♖e8 22.♕c2±

15...dxc5 16.♕e3

16.♗d3 ♘xd3+ (16...♗h6 17.♔b1 ♕f6 18.♕e1 ♘xh3 19.♖g3 ♗f4 20.♖g2∞) 17.♕xd3 ♗f5 18.♕e3 ♕f6 19.♘g5 e4⇄

16...♕e7 17.♘g5

17.♘e4 ♗f5! 18.h4 (18.♕xc5 ♕xc5 19.♘xc5 b6 20.♘e6 ♘xe6 21.dxe6 ♗h6+ 22.♘g5 ♗xe6∓; 18.♔b1 ♖ad8 19.♗d3 b5! 20.♔a1 ♘xd3 21.♕xd3 bxc4 22.♕xc4 ♗xe4 23.♕xe4 ♖f4∓) 18...b6∓

17...♗f5 18.♘ge4?

18.h4 ♖ae8 19.f3 b6∓

18...♗h6! 19.♔b1 ♘xd5

⌓19...♘xh3 20.♕xh6 ♗xe4+ 21.♘xe4 ♘xg1 22.♗d3 ♘f3-+

20.♕xh6 ♘xc3+ 21.bxc3 ♗xe4+ 22.♗d3 ♗xd3+ 23.♖xd3 ♖xf2 24.♖gd1 ♕f8

24...♖g8! 25.♕e3 (25.♖d7? ♕xd7 26.♖xd7 ♖g1+ 27.♕c1 ♖xc1+ 28.♔xc1 ♖xa2-+) 25...♕f6 26.♕xc5 ♕f5 27.♔a1 ♖gg2 28.♖d8+ ♔g7 29.♕e7+ ♔h6 30.♕h4+ ♕h5 31.♖1d6+ cxd6 32.♖xd6+ ♖g6 33.♕xf2 ♖xd6 34.♕f8+ ♔g5 35.♕xd6 ♕e2∓

25.♕g5 ♖f5 26.♕h4 ♖f1 27.♕h5 ♖e8

27...♖xd1+ 28.♖xd1 ♖e8∓

28.♖xf1 ♕xf1+ 29.♔c2 ♕g2+ 30.♔d1

30.♔c1! ♕c6 31.♖d8! ♖xd8 32.♕xe5+ ♔g8 33.♕g5+ ♔f7 34.♕xd8=

30...♕c6?!

30...♖e7! 31.♕f5 ♕g1+ 32.♔c2 ♔g7-+

31.♖f3?

31.♕f7 ♖g8 (31...♕e6 32.♖d7 ♕xf7 33.♖xf7 ♖c8 34.♖e7 b6 35.♖xe5 ♔g7 36.♖e6=) 32.♖d5 ♕g6 33.♕xg6 ♖xg6 34.♖xe5 b6 35.♖e7 ♖g2 36.a3=

31...♖d8+

31...♕d6+! 32.♔e2 ♖g8 33.♖f7 ♖g2+ 34.♔f1 ♖g7-+

32.♔c1 ♕e4?!

32...♕d6 33.♔b2 a5 34.♖f2 a4∓

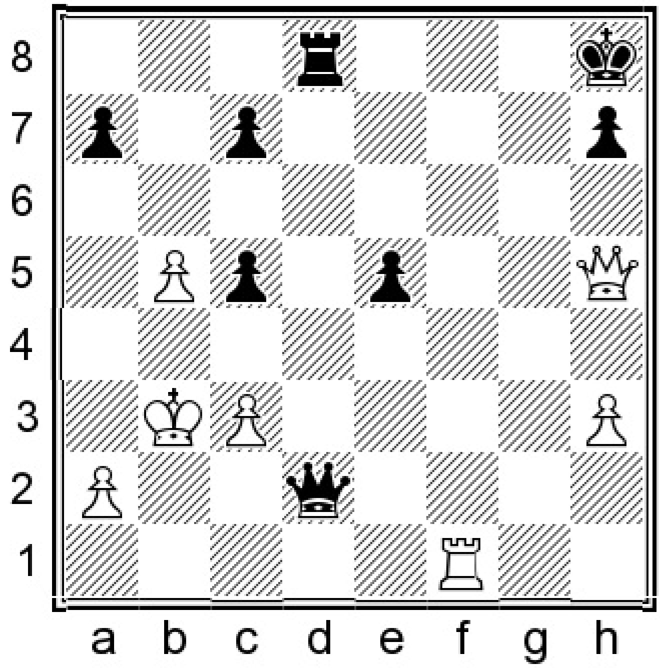
33.♖f1

33.♔b2 ♕e1 34.♖f1! ♖d2+ 35.♔b3 ♕xf1 36.♕xe5+ ♔g8 37.♕g5+ ♔f7 38.♕xd2=

33...♕e3+ 34.♔b2 b5 35.cxb5?

35.♕f5 ♕d2+ 36.♔b1 ♕d3+ 37.♔b2 ♕xf5 38.♖xf5 ♖e8 39.cxb5 ♔g7 40.♔c2 ♔g6 41.♖f1=

35...♕d2+ 36.♔b3



36...c4+!-+ 37.♔b4

37.♔xc4 ♕xa2+ 38.♔b4 a5+! 39.bxa6 ♖b8+ 40.♔c5 ♕a5+ 41.♔c6 ♕b5+ 42.♔xc7 ♕b6+ 43.♔d7 ♖d8+ 44.♔e7 ♕d6+ 45.♔f7 ♖f8#

37...♕b2+

37...a5+ 38.♔xa5 (38.bxa6 ♕d6+ 39.♔b5 ♕b6+ 40.♔xc4 ♕xa6+ 41.♔b3 ♕b5+ 42.♔c2 ♕d3+ 43.♔b2 ♖b8+-+) 38...♕xc3+ 39.♔a6 ♕a3+ 40.♔b7 ♕a8+ 41.♔xc7 ♕b8+ 42.♔c6 ♕d6+ 43.♔b7 ♖b8+ 44.♔a7 ♕b6#

38.♔c5 ♕a3+ 39.♔xc4 ♕xa2+ 40.♔c5 ♖d5+ 41.♔c6 ♕c4+ 42.♔b7 ♕xb5+ 43.♔c8 ♕a6+ 0-1

195. E91
Giri, Anish (2760) - Jobava, Baadur (2585)
Chennai (ol) 153/195, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.e4 d6 6.♘f3 O-O 7.♗e2 e6 8.O-O exd5 9.exd5 ♗g4 10.h3

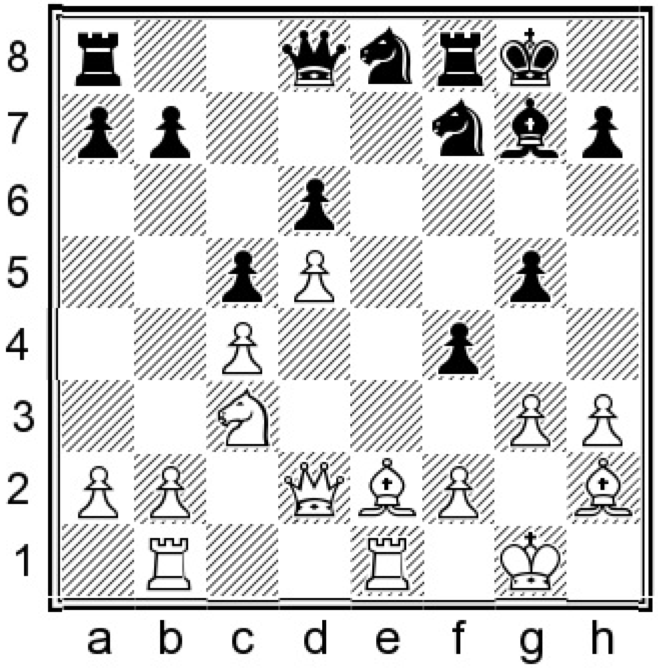
10.♗f4 - 132/196

10...♗xf3 11.♗xf3 ♘bd7 12.♗f4 ♘e8 13.♕d2 ♘e5 14.♗e2 f5 15.♖fe1 ♘f7 16.♖ab1N

16.♗e3 g5 17.f4 gxf4 (17...h6 18.♖f1±) 18.♗xf4 ♗d4+ 19.♔h1 ♘g7 20.♗d3 ♗e5 21.♘e2±

16...g5 17.♗h2 ♗e5

⌓17...f4 18.♗g4 (18.g3



18...♗e5 (18...fxg3?! 19.♗xg3 ♘e5 20.b4±; 18...♗d4!? 19.♘b5 (19.b4 b6 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.♖b3 ♕f6∞) 19...♗e5 20.♗g4 ♕f6∞) 19.b4 (19.gxf4?! gxf4 20.♗xf4 ♕h4 21.♗xe5 ♘xe5 22.♕e3 ♘g7∓) 19...cxb4 20.♖xb4 b6 21.♖b3 ♕f6∞; 18.b4 cxb4 19.♖xb4 b6 20.g3 ♕f6 21.♖b3 ♘e5∞) 18...♘e5 19.♗e6+ ♔h8 20.b3 ♕f6 21.♘e4 ♕g6∞

18.♗h5

18.♗xe5 ♘xe5 19.b4 b6 (19...cxb4 20.♖xb4 b6 21.♘b5 ♕f6 22.♖b3⩲) 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.♖b7 (21.f4 gxf4 22.♕xf4 ♘g7 23.♖b7 ♕f6∞) 21...♘g7 22.♖eb1⩲; 18.b4 b6 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.♖b7⩲

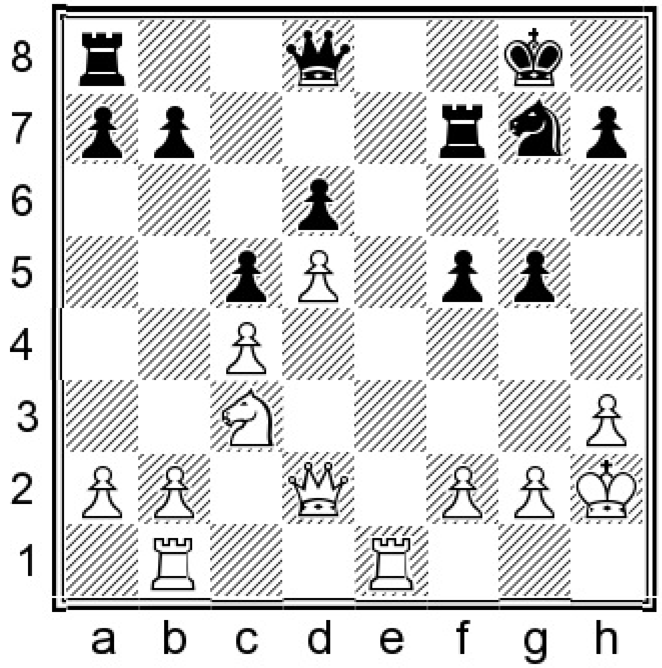
18...♗xh2+?!

18...f4 19.♘e4 b6 20.b4 cxb4 21.♖xb4 ♘g7 22.♗g4 ♕e7 23.a4⩲

19.♔xh2 ♘g7

19...♘e5 20.♗xe8! ♖xe8 21.f4 gxf4 (21...♘xc4?! 22.♕d3 ♘b6 23.♕xf5+-) 22.♕xf4 ♖f8 23.♖e3±

20.♗xf7+ ♖xf7



21.♖e6! ♘xe6 22.dxe6 ♖g7 23.♘d5 g4

23...♕f8 24.e7 (24.♖e1±) 24...♖xe7 25.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 26.♖e1 ♕f6 27.♕d5+ ♔h8 28.♖e6±

24.♖e1 ♖g6

24...gxh3 25.e7 (25.g3+-) 25...♖xg2+ 26.♔xh3+-

25.♕f4 gxh3 26.g3+- ♖c8 27.♕xf5 ♕f8 28.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 29.f4 ♖e8 30.f5 ♖g5 31.♖f1 ♖g4 32.♖f4 1-0

196. ** E92
Pulvett Marin, Daniel Eduardo (2523) - Dimic, Pavle (2356)
Ohrid 153/196, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗e3 ♘g4 10.♗d2 f5 11.h3 ♘f6 12.exf5 gxf5 13.g4 ♘e4

13...fxg4 14.hxg4 ♘xg4 15.♗e3 ♘a6 16.♕d2 ♘xe3 17.fxe3 ♘c5∞; 13...f4 - 137/197

14.g5 - 153/(196)

14.♘xe4 - 153/(196) 14...fxe4 15.♘h2 ♘a6 16.♗e3 ♗d7 17.♘f1 ♖f4 (17...♘c5 18.♘g3 ♕h4∞) 18.♘g3 ♕h4 19.♗xf4?! (19.♕d2 ♘c5 20.O-O-O a4⩱) 19...exf4 20.♘xe4 ♖e8 21.♗f3 (21.♕d3 ♘b4 (21...♕e7 22.f3 ♕h4+ 23.♔f1 ♘c5 24.♘xc5 dxc5⩱) 22.♕f3 ♘c2+ 23.♔d2 ♘d4 24.♕xf4 ♗f5! 25.f3 ♗xe4 26.fxe4 ♖f8 27.♕e3 ♖f2 28.♖ae1 ♘f3+ 29.♔d1 ♘xe1 30.♖xe1 ♕f6=) 21...♘c5 22.♕c2 ♘xe4 23.♗xe4 ♗xg4-+ Demuth,A (2492)-Libiszewski,F (2519) France 153/(196) 2022

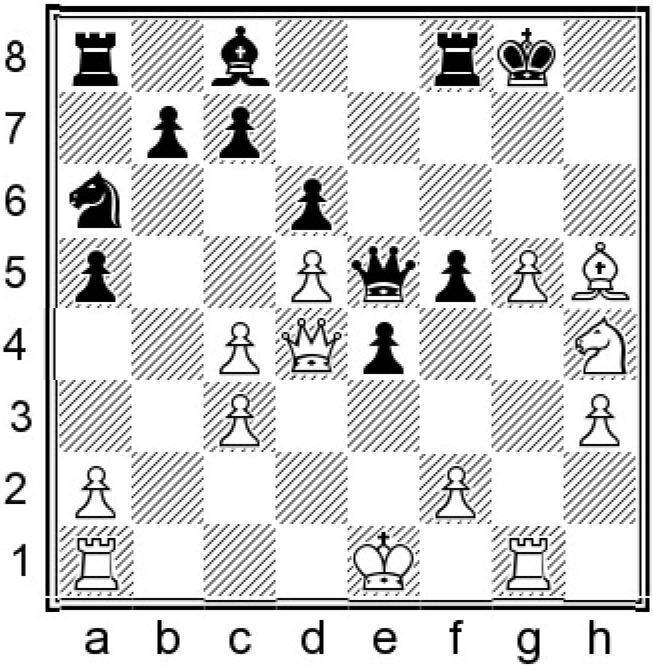
14...♘xd2N

14...♘xc3 - 153/(196) 15.♗xc3 hxg5 16.♕d2 g4 17.hxg4 fxg4 18.♘g5 ♖f4 19.♘e6 ♗xe6 20.dxe6 ♘c6 21.O-O-O ♕e7? (21...♕f6 22.♖dg1 ♔f8∞) 22.♖dg1 ♖af8 23.♗xg4 ♖xc4 24.♕d3+- Stocek,J

(2541)-Warmerdam,M (2613) Praha 153/(196) 2022

15.♕xd2 e4 16.gxh6

16.♖g1 h5 17.♘d4 (17.♘h4 ♕e8 18.O-O-O (18.♕d1 ♘a6! 19.♗xh5 ♗xc3+ 20.bxc3 ♕e5 21.♕d4

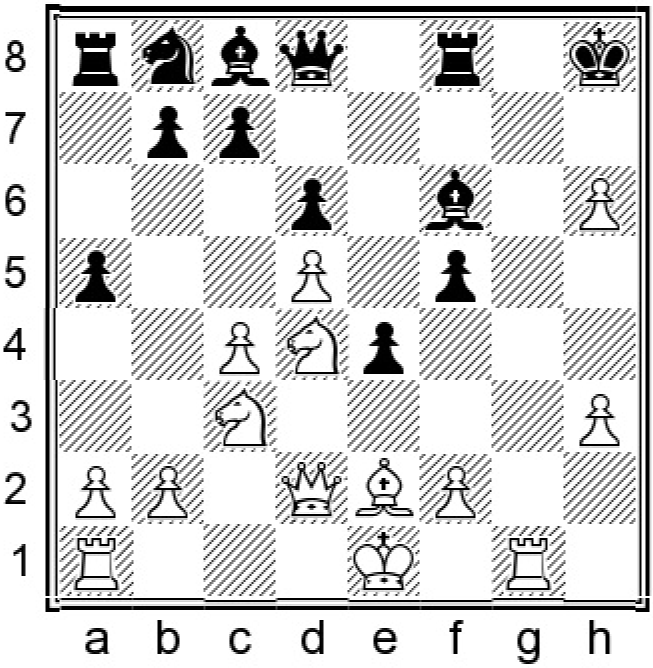


21...♘b4!=) 18...a4 19.a3 ♘a6=) 17...♘a6 18.O-O-O (18.♗xh5 ♘c5 19.♗e2 ♕e7=∞) 18...♘c5=

16...♗f6 17.♖g1+?

17.♘g5!? e3! 18.♕xe3 f4 19.♕d3□ ♗xc3+ 20.♔f1 ♕xg5 21.♖g1 ♕xg1+ 22.♔xg1 ♗e5∞

17...♔h8 18.♘d4



18.♘g5? e3 19.♕xe3 f4-+

18...♖g8! 19.♖xg8+ ♕xg8 20.♘e6?!

20.♕e3 ♘a6 21.f4 ♗d7∓

20...♗xe6 21.dxe6 ♕xe6?!

21...♘c6! 22.♘d5 ♘d4-+

22.♘d5 ♘a6 23.♘f4 ♕g8

23...♕f7 24.O-O-O ♖g8∓

24.O-O-O ♕g5?

24...a4 25.♔b1 a3∓

25.♗h5?

25.h4! ♕xh6 26.♖g1 ♖g8 27.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 28.♕d5+ ♔h8 29.♕xf5 ♗e5 30.♕c8+ ♔g7 31.♕d7+=

25...♖g8 26.h7

26.♗f7 ♗e5 27.♘e6 ♕xd2+ 28.♔xd2 ♖g2-+

26...♔xh7 27.♗f7 ♖g7-+ 28.h4 ♕xh4 29.♗g6+ ♖xg6 30.♘xg6 ♔xg6 31.♖g1+ ♗g5

31...♕g5!-+

32.♔b1 ♘c5 33.♕d5 ♕h8 34.f4 exf3 35.♕xf3 ♕d4 36.♕g3 ♕d3+ 0-1

197. * E92
Le, Quang Liem (2709) - Salem, AR Saleh (2679)
Praha 153/197, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 ♘a6 10.♘d2 ♕e8 11.a3 ♗d7 12.♕c2 ♘c5

12...♘h7 - 34/(733)

13.f3N

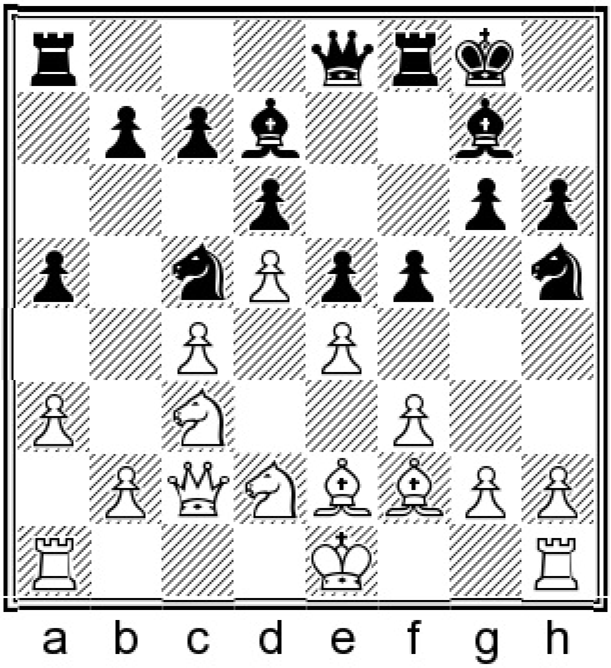
13.b3 ♘cxe4 14.♘dxe4 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 f5 16.♘c3 e4! 17.♖c1 g5 18.♗g3 f4 19.♘xe4 ♗f5 20.♗d3 ♗b2 (20...fxg3 21.hxg3 ♕e5 22.O-O ♕b2=∞) 21.♕xb2 ♗xe4 22.♗xe4 ♕xe4+ 23.♔f1 ♕d3+ 24.♔g1 ♖ae8 25.f3 ♖e2 26.♕c3 ♕xc3 27.♖xc3 ♖fe8 28.♖c1 fxg3 29.hxg3 ♖b2 30.♖xh6 ♖ee2 31.♖g6+ ♔f7 32.♖xg5 ♖xg2+ 33.♔h1 ♖h2+ 34.♔g1=

13...♘h5N

13...a4 - 153/(197) 14.O-O-O c6 15.♔b1 ♕b8 16.g4 ♖c8 17.♖he1 cxd5 18.exd5 b5 19.cxb5 e4 20.fxe4 ♘xg4 21.♘c4 ♘e5 22.♘xe5 ♗xe5 23.♖f1 ♗h3 24.♖f3 ♗g4 25.♖e3 ♗d7 26.♖f1 ♘b3 27.♗f6

♖xc3 28.♖xc3 ♘d4 29.♕d2 ♘xe2 30.♗xe5 dxe5 31.♕xe2 ♗xb5 32.♖c4 ♕b6 33.♖fc1 ♕a6 34.♖1c3 ♔g7 35.♕c2 ♗xc4 36.♖xc4 h5 1/2 (36) Aberg,L-Rice,P corr 153/(197) 2021

14.♗f2 f5



14...b6 15.O-O-O f5 16.♗xc5 bxc5 17.g3 ♘f6 18.♗d3±

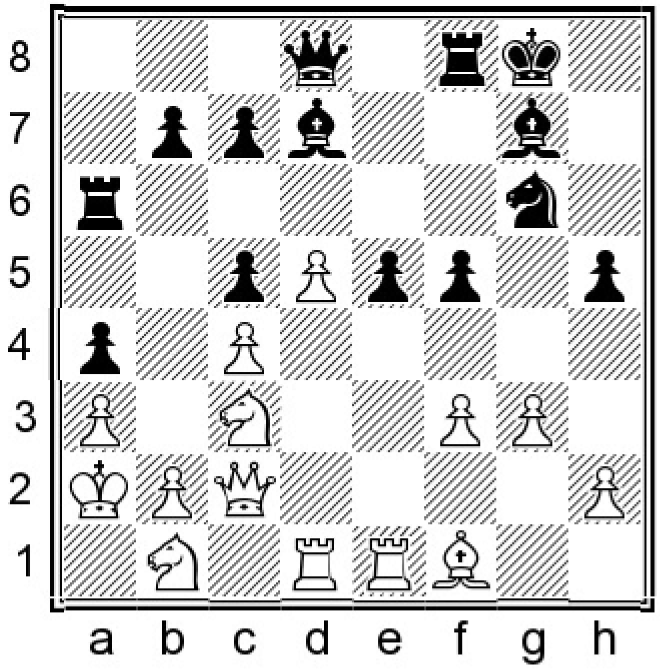
15.♗xc5! dxc5 16.O-O-O a4 17.♔b1 ♕d8

17...f4 18.♘b5 ♕d8 19.♖dg1 ♘f6 20.g3±

18.exf5 gxf5 19.♖he1

19.g3!? ♕e7 20.♗d3 ♔h8 21.♖he1 ♕f6 22.♖e2±

19...♘f4 20.♗f1 ♖a6 21.g3 ♘g6 22.♔a2 h5 23.♘db1!?



23.♗d3 ♕f6∞

23...e4! 24.fxe4

24.♘d2 ♘e5 25.♗e2 ♖g6 26.fxe4 f4 27.♗xh5 ♖g5 28.gxf4 ♖xf4 29.♗e2 ♖g2 30.♖g1 ♖ff2 31.♖xg2 ♖xg2=∞

24...f4 25.gxf4 ♖xf4 26.♘b5 ♗e5

26...♘e5!? 27.d6 (27.♘1c3 ♖g6 (27...♖af6 28.♘xa4 ♖f2 29.♗e2 ♕e7 30.d6 cxd6 31.♘b6 ♗xb5 32.cxb5 ♕f7+ 33.♘d5 ♔h8=∞) 28.♘xa4 ♕f8 29.♕c1 ♖f2=∞) 27...cxd6 28.♘1c3 ♗g4 29.♗e2 ♖f2∞

27.♘1c3 ♖af6 28.♘xa4

28.♗e2 ♖f2 29.♖g1 ♖xh2 30.♖d2 ♕f8∞

28...♖f2 29.♗e2 b6

29...♕f8=∞

30.♘ac3 ♖xh2 31.♘a7 ♖ff2 32.♘c6 ♗xc6

32...♕f6 33.♘xe5 ♘xe5 34.♖h1 ♖xh1 35.♖xh1 ♗g4∓

33.dxc6 ♕f6

33...♕g5 34.♖g1 ♖fg2 35.♖xg2 ♖xg2 36.♘d5 h4 37.♖d3 ♖g3=∞

34.♘d5?!

34.♖g1 ♕xc6 35.♖d5 ♖hg2 36.♖xg2 ♖xg2 37.♘d1! ♖h2 38.♘e3 ♕e6 39.♕d1∞

34...♕g5 35.♕d3 ♔h8 36.♔b3 h4

36...♗d4! 37.♖g1 (37.♘xc7 ♘f4-+) 37...♖hg2 38.♖xg2 ♕xg2 39.♖e1 ♘e5 40.♕d2 ♔h7∓

37.♔a4 ♖f8?!

37...♖hg2 38.♘e3 ♖g3 39.♕d8+ ♖f8 40.♕xg5 ♖xg5∓

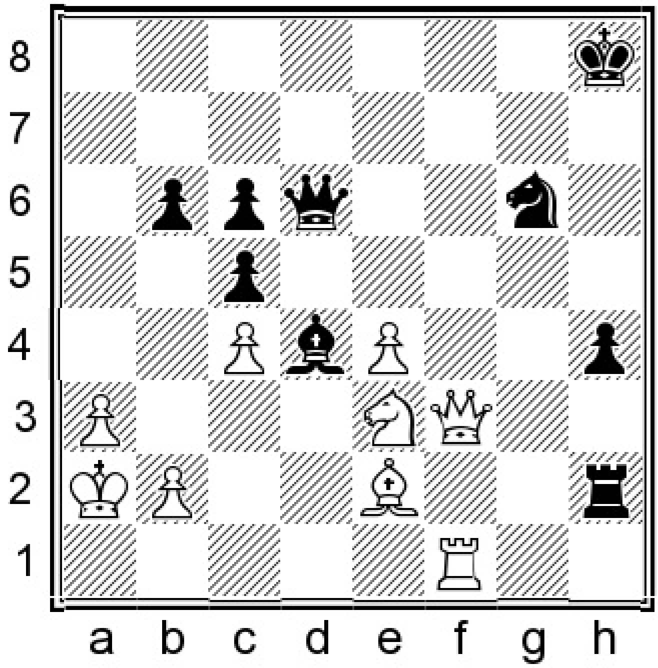
38.♖g1 ♕h6 39.♖df1 ♗d4 40.♖xf8+ ♘xf8 41.♖f1

41.♖g4!? ♕xc6+ 42.♔b3 ♕e6 43.♘f4 ♕d6 44.♕f3±

41...♕xc6+ 42.♔b3 ♘g6 43.♕f3 ♕d6 44.♔a2

44.♕f5 ♖g2 45.♘f4 ♘xf4 46.♖xf4 ♗f6! 47.♕xf6+ ♕xf6 48.♖xf6 ♖xe2 49.♖h6+ ♔g7 50.♖xh4 ♖e3+ 51.♔c2 ♔f6=

44...c6 45.♘e3



45...♗xe3?

45...♗g7 46.♕h5+ ♔g8 47.♘g4 ♖xe2 48.♘f6+ ♔f7 49.♘h7+ ♔g8 50.♘f6+ ♔f7=

46.♕xe3 ♔g7 47.♖g1

47.♖f5! ♖g2 48.e5 ♕e6 49.♖f6 ♕e8 50.♖d6±

47...♕e5 48.♕f3 ♔h6?

48...h3 49.♖d1 (49.♕g4 ♖g2 50.♖xg2 hxg2 51.♕xg2 ♔f6=) 49...♕e6 50.♗f1 b5∞

49.♕f7+- ♘f4 50.♕f8+ ♔h7 51.♖d1 ♘d5 52.♖f1 1-0

198. E92
Sachdev, Tania (2399) - Yip, Carissa (2416)
Chennai (ol) 153/198, 2022

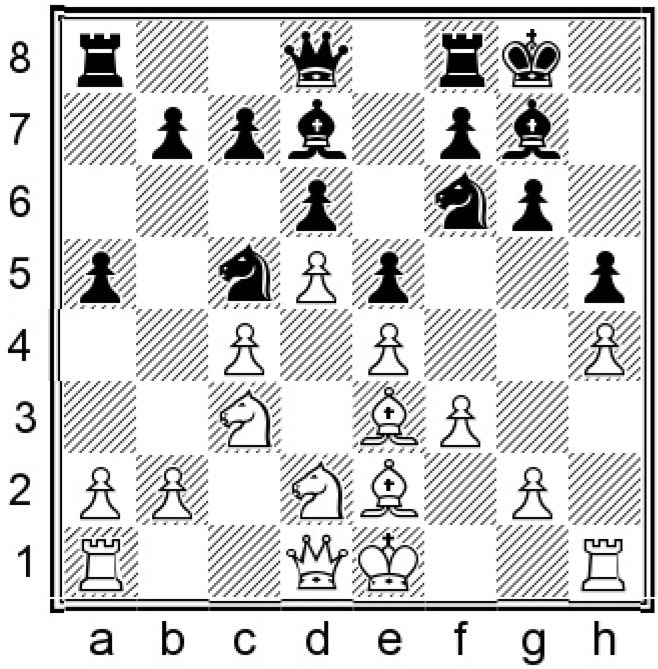
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♘f3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♗g5 ♘a6 9.♘d2 ♘c5?!

9...♗d7 10.h4 (10.O-O - 61/(652)) 10...h5 11.f3 c6 12.g4 (12.♘db1!? ♕b8 13.♘a3 ♘h7 14.♗e3 f5 15.g4 hxg4 16.fxg4 ♘b4⇄) 12...♕b6∞

10.h4 h6

10...h5 11.♘b3 ♘xb3 12.axb3 ♗d7 13.f3 ♕c8 (13...♕e8 14.g4±) 14.♗e3 ♔h7 15.♕d2 c5 16.♖g1±

11.♗e3 h5 12.f3 ♗d7



13.♘b3! ♘a4N

13...b6? 14.♘xc5 bxc5 15.a4 ♖b8 16.♘b5 ♖b7 17.♕d2+-

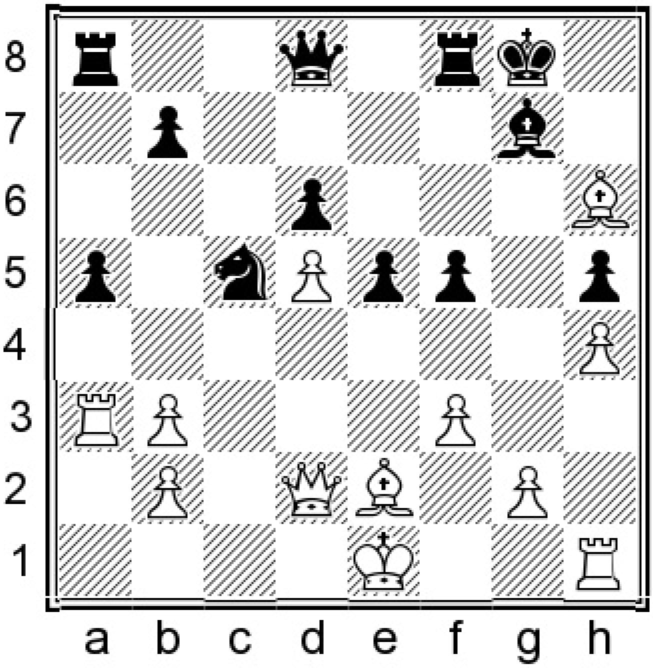
14.♘xa4 ♗xa4 15.c5?

15.♕d3! ♗xb3 16.♕xb3 b6 17.O-O-O±

15...♘d7 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.♕d2?

17.♕d3 f5 18.♖c1∞

17...f5! 18.exf5 gxf5 19.♗h6 ♗xb3! 20.axb3 ♘c5 21.♖a3



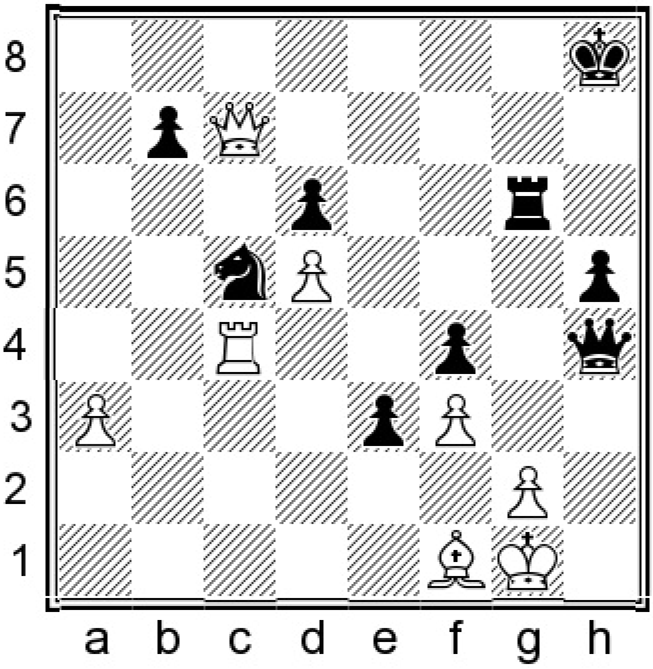
21...f4! 22.♗xg7 ♔xg7 23.b4 axb4 24.♕xb4 ♖xa3 25.bxa3 ♕f6 [Δ e4]

25...♔h6 26.♔f1 ♖g8 27.♕c3 ♕b6 28.♕b4 ♕c7 29.♔g1 ♕g7 30.♗f1 ♖a8-+

26.♕b6 e4 27.O-O e3-+ 28.♖c1 ♖g8

28...♕d8! 29.♕xd8 ♖xd8 30.g3 ♔f6 31.gxf4 ♔f5

29.♖c4 ♔h8 30.♗f1 ♖g6 31.♕c7 ♕xh4?



31...♖g7 32.♕c8+ ♖g8 33.♕c7 ♕g6 34.♕e7 ♖g7 35.♕g5 e2!-+

32.♕c8+?

32.♕b8+ ♔g7 33.♕c7+ ♔h6 34.♕f7=

32...♔g7?

32...♖g8 33.♕f5 ♕f2+ 34.♔h2 ♕g3+ 35.♔h1 e2-+

33.♖c2?

33.♕c7+ ♔h6 34.♕f7 ♕f2+ 35.♔h2 ♕g3+ 36.♔g1 ♘d7 37.♕xf4+ ♕xf4 38.♖xf4 ♘f6 39.♗d3 ♘xd5 40.♖e4=

33...♕e7 34.♗d3 ♖f6 35.♗e4 ♖f7 36.♕h3 ♘xe4 37.fxe4 ♕xe4-+ 38.♖e2 ♕b1+ 39.♔h2 ♕f5 40.♕f3 ♕g4 41.♕f1 ♕g3+ 42.♔h1 f3 43.♕a1+ ♔h7 44.♕b1+ ♔h6 45.gxf3 ♕xf3+ 46.♖g2 ♕f1+ 0-1

199. * E94
Pelletier, Yannick (2556) - Forster, Richard (2462)
Schweiz 153/199, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♘f3 e5 7.O-O exd4 8.♘xd4 ♖e8 9.f3 c6 10.♔h1 d5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.♗g5 ♘c6

12...dxe4 - 55/616

13.♗b5 h6 14.♘xc6 bxc6 15.♗xc6 hxg5 16.♗xa8 d4 17.♘d5

17.♘e2 d3 18.♘g3 ♗a6 19.♗c6 ♖e6 20.♕a4 ♕b6 21.♗d5 ♘xd5 22.exd5 ♖e5 23.♖fe1 ♖xd5 24.♕e8+ ♗f8 25.♖e7 ♕f6 26.♕a8 ♖e5∞

17...♗a6 18.♗c6

18.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 19.♗d5 ♗xf1 20.♕xf1 ♖c8=∞

18...♖e6 19.♖c1

19.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 20.♗d5 ♗xf1 21.♕xf1 g4! 22.f4 g5 23.f5 g3 24.♕d3 ♕b8=∞

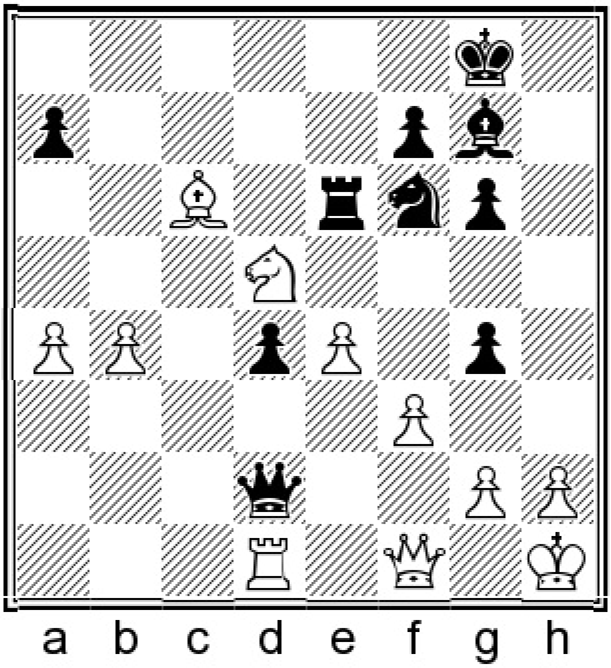
19...♗xf1 20.♕xf1 ♕a5N

20...g4 - 153/ (199) 21.♗b7N (21.♘f4 ♖e7 22.♘d3 gxf3 23.♕xf3 ♘d7=∞) 21...♕d6 (21...♕a5!?) 22.♖c6 ♕d7 23.♖c7 ♕d6 24.fxg4 ♔h7? (24...♕e5 25.♕f4 (25.g5 ♕xg5 26.♘f4 ♖e8 27.♕c4 ♖f8 28.g3 ♕a5=∞) 25...♘xe4 26.♕xf7+ ♔h8 27.♖e7 ♘g5 28.♖xe6 ♘xe6=) 25.♖xf7 ♘xg4 26.♖f4+- Wells,P (2374) -Macklin, P (2350) Great Britain (ch) 153/(199) 2022

21.a4

21.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 22.♗d5 g4 23.f4 ♕d2 24.g3 g5 25.♖c8+ ♗f8 26.e5 ♖h6 27.♗g2 (27.♕g2 ♕e1+ 28.♕g1 ♕e2 29.fxg5 ♖xh2+ 30.♕xh2 ♕f1+ 31.♕g1 ♕h3+=) 27...gxf4 28.♕xf4 ♕xf4 29.gxf4 d3 30.♖d8 g3 31.h3 ♖h4 32.f5 ♖f4 33.f6 ♖f5 34.♖xd3 ♖xe5 35.♖xg3+ ♔h8=

21...♕d2 22.b4 g4=∞ 23.♖d1



23.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 24.e5 ♖f5 25.e6 fxe6 (25...gxf3 26.exf7+ ♖xf7 27.♗xf3 ♖e7 28.♕c4+ ♔h7=) 26.♗e4 gxf3 27.gxf3 ♖g5=

23...♕h6! 24.♘xf6+

24.♕f2 gxf3 25.gxf3 ♘xd5 26.♗xd5 ♖b6=

24...♖xf6 25.♗d7 gxf3 26.gxf3?

26.e5 fxg2+ (26...♖b6 27.e6! fxe6 28.♕xf3 ♖xb4 29.♗xe6+ ♔h7=) 27.♕xg2 ♕h5 28.♖e1 ♖f4 29.e6 fxe6 30.♗xe6+ ♔h7 31.♗c4=

26...♖d6! 27.♕h3

27.♗b5 ♗e5 28.♕e2 ♔g7 29.♕d2 ♕h4∓

27...♕e3 28.♗b5 d3 29.♗c4

29.♕f1 d2 30.♕e2 ♕f4 31.♗d3 ♗c3∓

29...♖d4 30.♗d5 d2 31.♕f1 ♗e5 32.♔g2 ♕f4

32...♕g5+ 33.♔h1 ♕h4 34.♕e2 ♖xb4-+

33.♕f2 ♕xh2+ 34.♔f1 ♕f4 35.♔e2 ♖xb4-+ 36.♖xd2 ♗c3 37.♖c2 ♗d4 0-1

200. E99
Smith, Andrew - Sherwood, Russell
corr 153/200, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.♘e1 ♘d7 10.♘d3 f5 11.♗d2

11.f3 ♘f6 12.c5 c6 13.♕b3 ♔h8 14.♗e3 fxe4 15.fxe4 cxd5 16.cxd6 ♘c6 17.exd5 ♘d4 18.♗xd4 exd4 19.♘b5 ♗g4 20.♗f3 (20.♗xg4±) 20...♗h6 21.♘c7± - 40/772

11...♘f6

11...fxe4 12.♘xe4 ♘f5 13.f3 a5= (13...♘f6 - 137/200)

12.f3 f4

12...a5 13.a3 c6 14.♔h1 h6 15.♖b1 g5 16.♘f2 ♔h8±

13.b4

13.c5 g5 14.♔h1 (14.cxd6 - 127/ 200) 14...♘g6 (14...♔h8 15.♗e1 ♖f7 16.a4 h5 17.a5 ♗f8±) 15.a4 ♔h8 16.a5 ♖g8 17.a6 bxa6 18.♘f2±

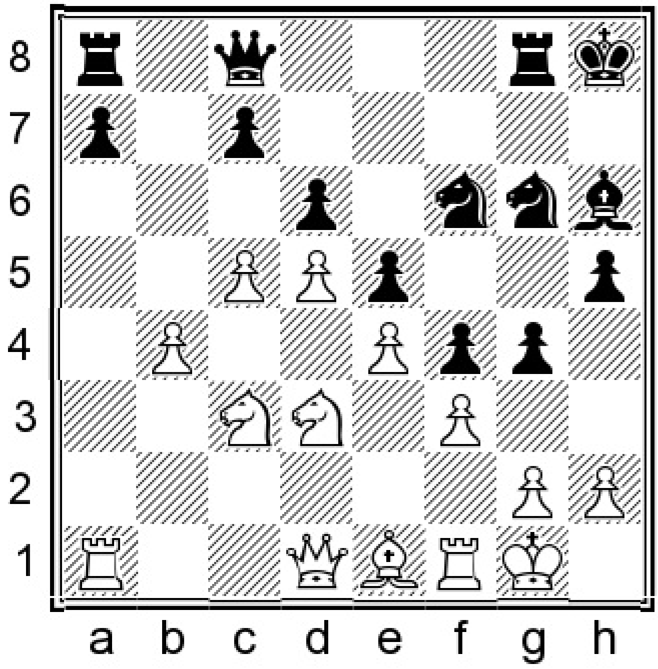
13...h5 14.a4

14.c5 g5 15.a4 ♗h6 16.a5 ♘g6 17.a6 b6 18.c6 g4 19.fxg4 ♗xg4 20.♗xg4 ♘xg4 21.♘e1±

14...g5 15.a5 ♘g6 16.c5 ♔h8 17.♘f2 ♖g8 18.a6

18.♔h1 ♗f8 19.c6 bxc6 20.dxc6 a6 21.♗c4 ♖g7 22.g3 g4 23.♖g1 fxg3 24.♖xg3 ♗e7=

18...bxa6 19.♗xa6 g4 20.♗xc8! ♕xc8 21.♗e1 ♗h6 22.♘d3



22...♗g5!?N

22...♘f8 23.♔h1 ♘8h7 24.♕e2 ♕d7 25.♗h4 (25.b5 gxf3 26.♖xf3 ♘g4 27.c6 ♕g7 28.♗h4 ♘e3 29.♘e1 ♕g4 30.♖h3 ♖ab8 31.♕f3 ♖a8 32.♖a2±) 25...♗g5 26.♗f2 ♗h6 27.♗h4 ♗g5 28.♗e1 ♗h6 29.b5 gxf3 30.♖xf3 ♘g4±; 22...♘h7 23.♔h1 ♘g5 24.♕e2 gxf3 25.gxf3 ♘h3 26.♕c2 a6 27.♘e2 ♗f8 28.♘g1 ♔h7 29.♘xh3±

23.♖a2

23.♔h1! ♗h4 24.♗d2 gxf3 25.♕xf3 a6±

23...♘h4 24.fxg4

24.♗xh4

24...hxg4 25.♗xh4 ♗xh4 26.g3! ♕d7! 27.♖g2

27.gxh4 g3 28.♔g2 (28.♖f3 gxh2+ 29.♔xh2 ♖g4 30.♖g2 ♖xh4+ 31.♔g1 ♖g8 32.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 33.♘f2 ♘g4=) 28...gxh2+ 29.♔h1 ♖g1+ 30.♖xg1 hxg1=♗ 31.♔xg1 ♕h3=

27...f3 28.gxh4 ♕h7 29.♕e1 ♖g7 30.♖c2

30.♖a2=

30...♖ag8 31.cxd6 cxd6 32.♔h1 ♖g6 33.♖g1 ♖6g7 34.♖a2 a6 35.♖c2

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35...♖c7 36.♖f1

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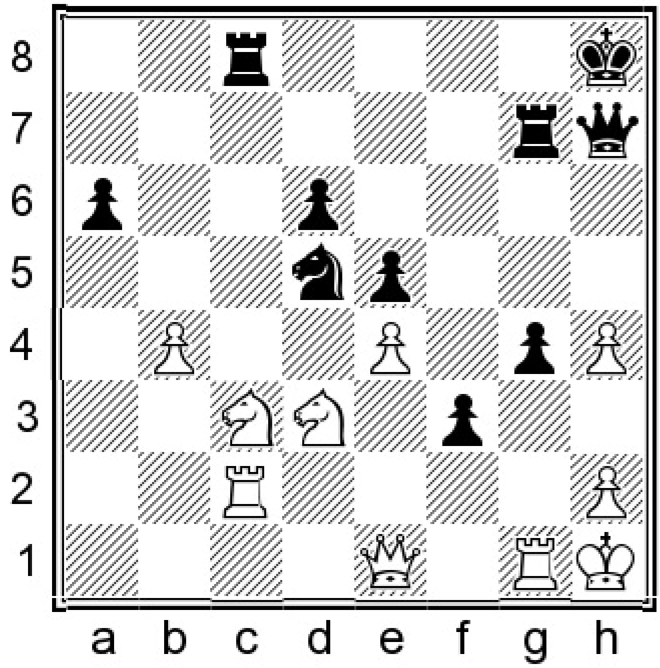

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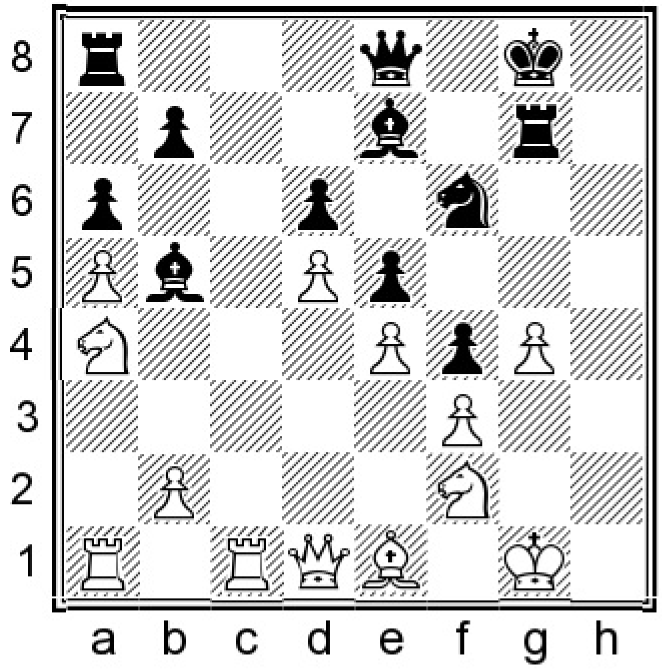

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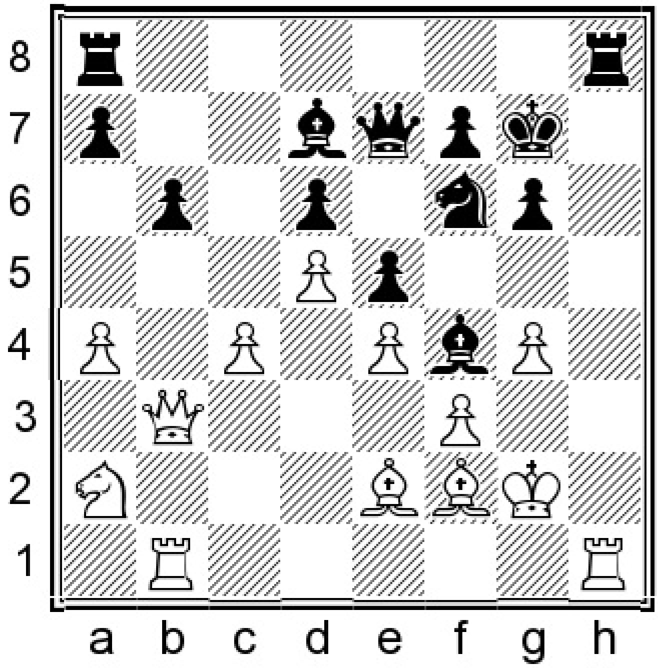

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3.♖bg1 ♘xf2 4.♔xf2 ♖h4 5.♖xh4 ♕xh4+ 6.♔f1 e4-+

3...♘d2 4.♕c2 ♘xb1 5.♕xb1 ♖xh1 6.♔xh1 ♖h8+ 7.♔g1 ♕g5

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11...fxe4 12.♕xe4 ♗e5-+ 13.♗f2 ♔g7 14.a5 bxa5 15.c5 dxc5 16.♕a4 ♕c1+ 17.♗d1 ♖f8 18.♗h4 ♕e3+ 19.♔g2 ♕d2+ 0-1

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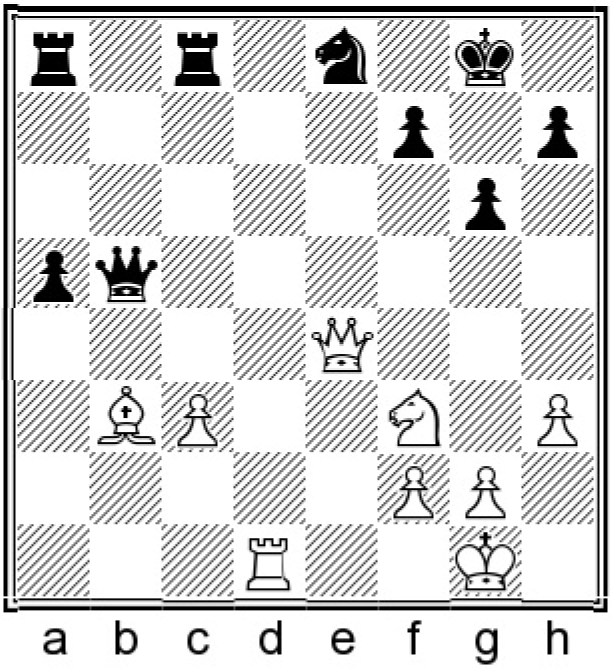

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3.♕xd5+ ♔e7 4.♘e5 ♘d6 5.c4+- ♘f5 6.♕d7+ ♔f6 7.f4 ♖f8 8.♘g4# 1-0

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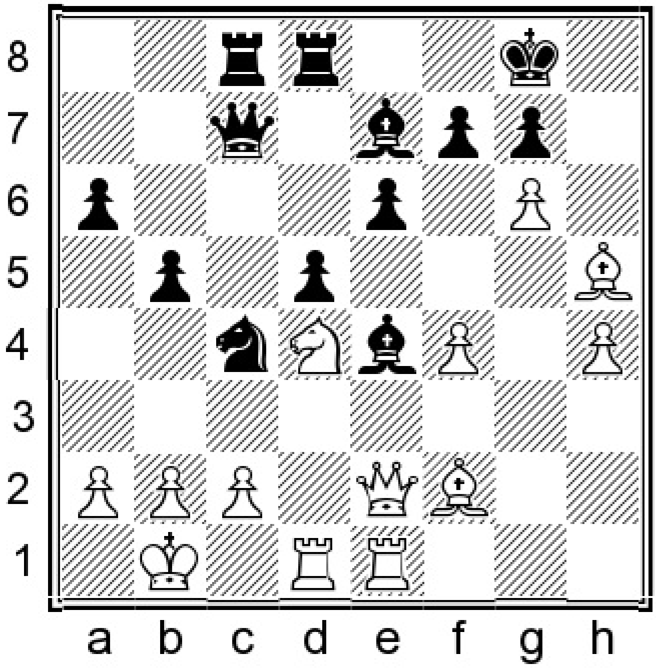

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2.♔xb2 ♕c3+ 3.♔b1 ♗a3-+

2...♔h8!

2...♔h7? 3.f5 (3.♗f3 ♕xf4 4.♗xe4+ dxe4 5.♕h5+ ♕h6 6.♕xh6+ ♔xh6 7.♔xb2+-) 3...exf5 (3...♗xf5 4.♘xf5 exf5 5.♖g1+-) 4.♖g1 f4 5.♗g6+ ♗xg6 6.♖xg6 ♔xg6 7.♖g1+ ♔xf7 8.♕e6+ ♔f8 9.♕f5+ ♔g8 10.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 11.♘e6++-

3.♗f3

3.♖d3 ♘a4-+

3...♘a4 4.♖d3 ♗xd3 5.♕xd3 ♘c3+ 6.♔c1 ♕xf4+ 7.♔b2 ♕d6-+ 8.♔c1 ♘xa2+ 9.♔d2 ♕f4+ 10.♖e3 ♗b4+ 11.♔d1 ♘c3+ 12.♔c1 ♗a3+ 13.♔d2 ♘e4+ 14.♔e2 ♖c3 15.♘xe6 ♕f6 16.♗xe4 ♖xd3 17.♗xd3 ♖d7 18.♘f4 ♕xf7 19.♖f3 ♖e7+ 20.♔f1 ♖e4 21.♗g3 ♗c1 0-1

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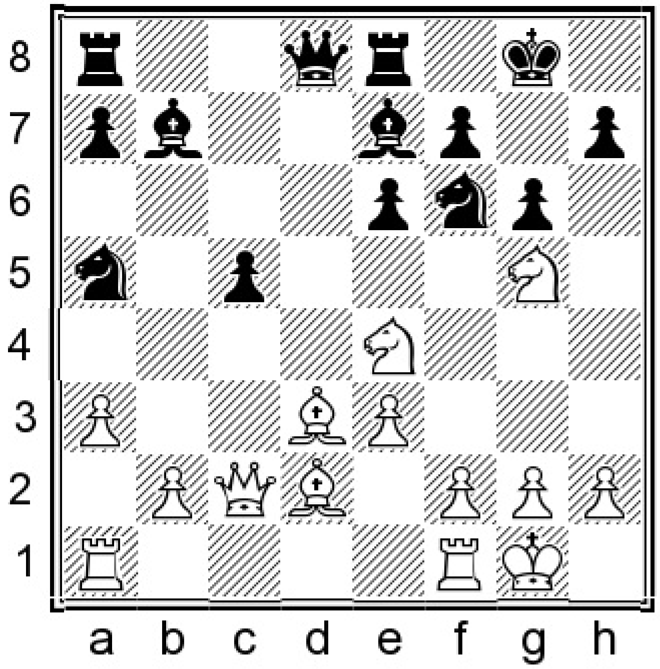

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3.♗xg6!? ♕d5 4.♗xh7+ ♔f8 5.e4 ♕c4 6.♕d1 ♘b3 7.♗c3 ♖ed8 8.♕f3 ♖d3 9.♕f4 ♖xc3 10.bxc3 ♘xa1 11.♗g6 ♖d8 12.h3±

3...♕xa5 4.♗xg6! ♔h8 5.♗xh7 ♖f8 6.♕g6 c4 7.♘xe6 ♖g8 8.♗xg8 ♖xg8 9.♕h6+ ♘h7 10.♘f4 ♕f5

10...♕g5 11.♕xg5 ♘xg5 12.♖fd1 ♗f6 13.♖ac1+-

11.f3 ♗g5 12.♕d6 ♗f6 13.♖f2 ♘g5 14.♔h1 ♗a8 15.♖af1

15.♕a6+-

15...♘f7 16.♕e6 ♕xe6 17.♘xe6 ♘e5 18.♖d2 ♖b8 19.♖c1+- ♖b6 20.♘f4 ♖b8 21.h3 a5 22.♖cc2 ♗g7 23.♘e6 ♘xf3 24.gxf3 ♗xf3+ 25.♔g1 c3 26.bxc3 ♗f6 27.♖f2 ♖g8+ 28.♔f1 ♗e4 29.♖xf6 ♗xc2 30.♖h6+ ♗h7 31.h4 1-0

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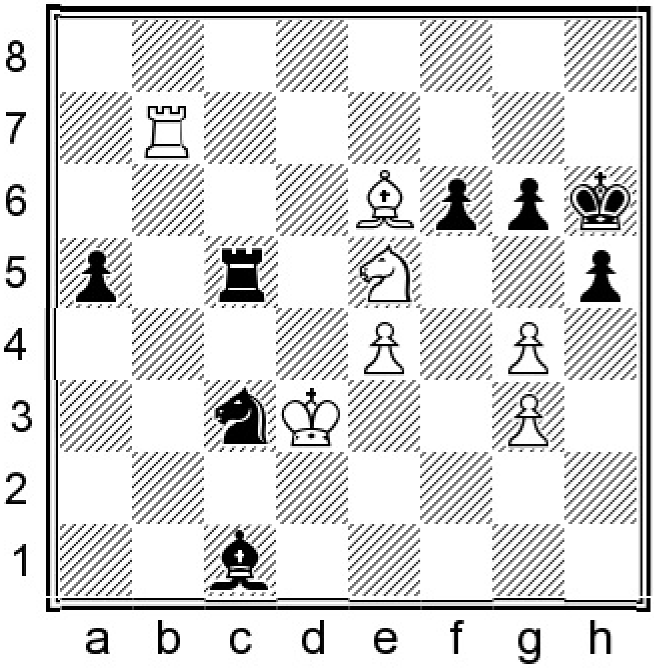

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1.g5+! fxg5

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2.♘g4+! hxg4 3.♗g8 1-0

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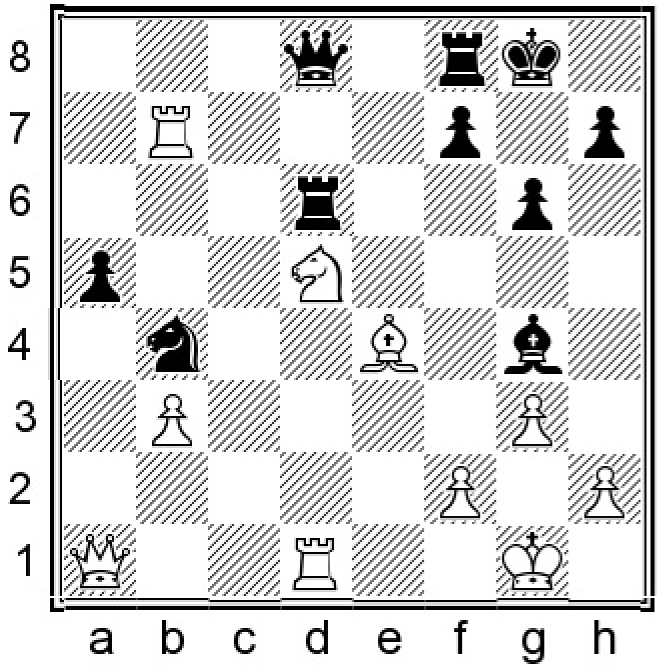

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1...♘xd5 2.fxg4 ♘e3 3.♖e1 ♘xg4 4.♗f3 ♖d2!-+

7. Hossain, Enamul (2377) - Grandelius, Nils (2655)
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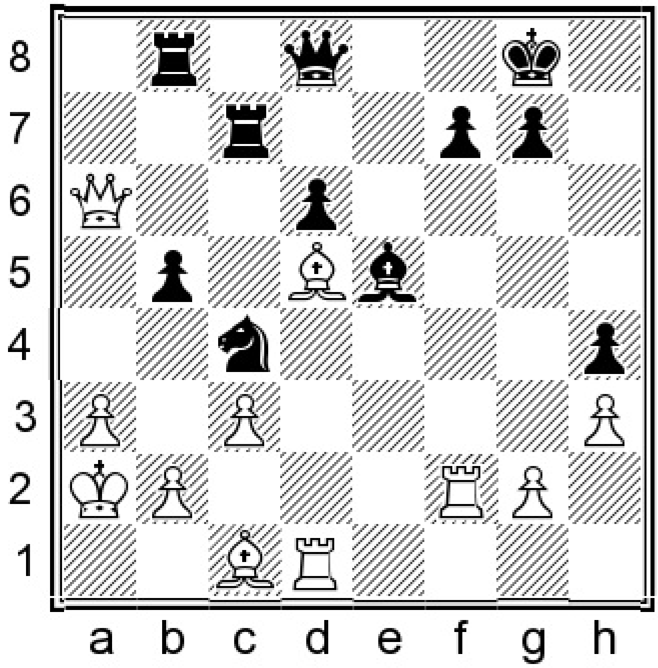

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3...♗f6 4.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 5.♕xb8+ ♔h7 6.♕xb5 ♘d2+ 7.♔a1

7.b3 ♘xf1 8.♕xf1 ♕d5 9.♕f3 ♕e5 10.a4+-

7...♘xf1 8.♕xf1 ♕d5 9.♕f3 ♕b3 10.♔b1 d5 11.♕d3+ ♔g8 12.♗e3+- ♗e7 13.♕c2 ♕b5 14.a4 ♕f1+ 15.♔a2 ♗f6 16.♕d2 ♕c4+ 17.b3 ♕e4 18.a5 ♕e6 19.♗d4 ♕a6 20.b4 ♗e7 21.♕e3 ♗f8 22.♔b2 ♕c4 23.♕e6+ ♔h7 24.♕g4 ♔g8 25.♗xg7!

25.♗xg7 ♗xg7 26.♕xc4 dxc4 27.a6+-

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8. Watson, William N (2490) - Meier, Georg (2631)
Deutschland, 2022
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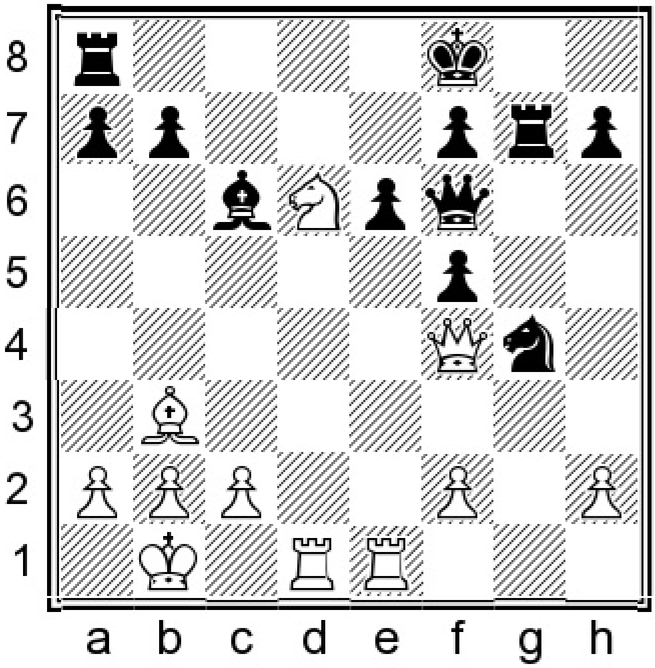

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9. Milikow, Elie (2433) - Damljanovic, Branko (2441)
Beograd, 2022
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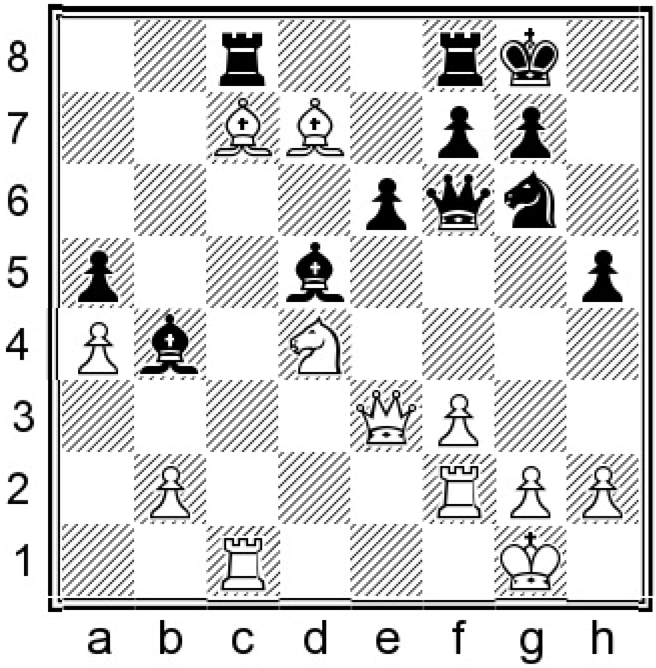

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3...♗f4 4.♕d3

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4...♗xc7 5.♖xc7 ♘f4 6.♕d2 ♕xd4+! 7.♕xd4 ♘e2+ 8.♔f2 ♘xd4-+ 9.♔e3 ♘f5+ 10.♔d3 ♖b8 11.♔c2 ♘h4 12.♖c5 ♖a8 13.g4 ♘xf3 14.gxh5 ♘xh2

14...f5-+

15.♗b5 f5 16.♔d2 f4 17.♔e2 ♘g4 18.♔f1 f3 19.♗d7 ♘f6 20.♗b5 ♘xh5 21.♗c6 ♘g3+ 22.♔g1 f2+ 23.♔xf2 ♘e4+ 24.♔e3 ♘xc5 25.♗xa8 ♗xa8 26.♔d4 ♘xa4 27.b3 ♘b6 28.♔c5 a4 29.bxa4 ♘xa4+ 30.♔b4 g5 31.♔a5 g4 32.♔xa4 g3 0-1

ENDINGS

By IM Goran Arsović

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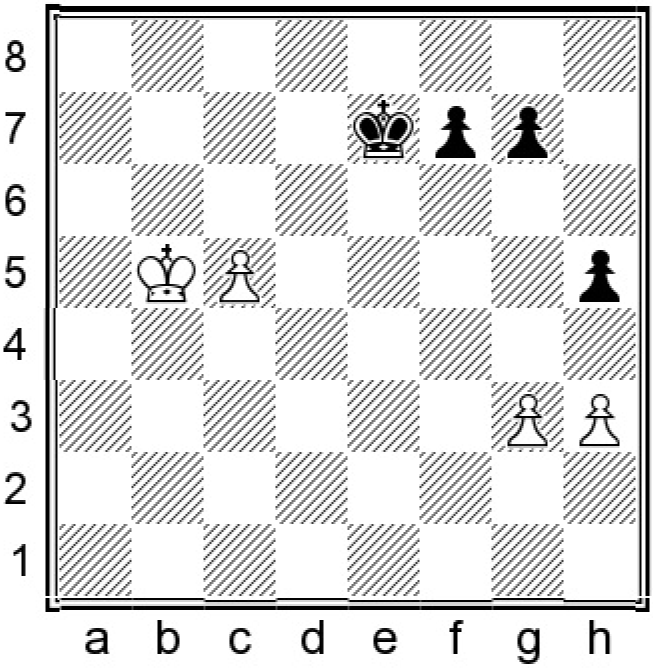
Jyvaskyla, 2022
♙ 2/b1



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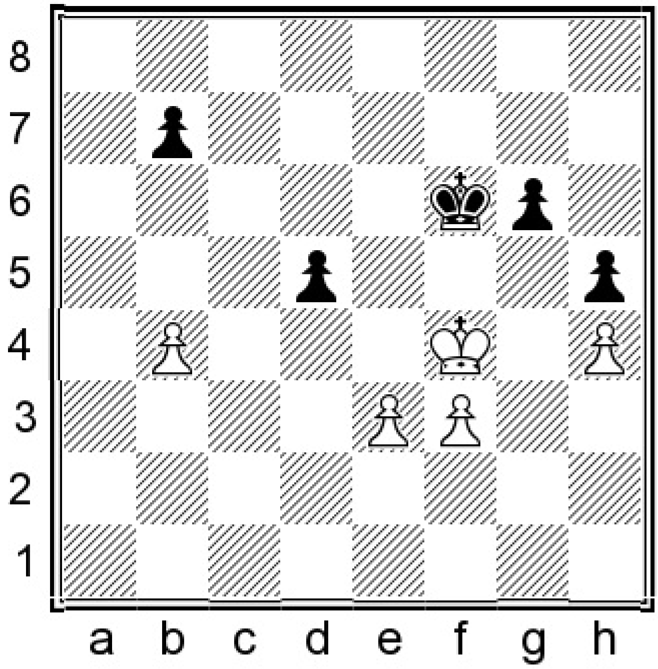
2.♔b6 ♔c8 3.h4 ♔b8

3...f6 4.♔c6 g5 5.♔d6+-

4.♔c6 ♔c8 5.♔d6 ♔d8 6.c6 f6 7.♔e6 ♔c7 8.♔f5! ♔xc6 9.♔g6 ♔d5 10.♔xh5 ♔e4 11.♔g6 ♔f3 12.♔xg7 ♔xg3 13.h5+- f5 14.h6 f4 15.h7 f3 16.h8=♕ ♔g2 17.♕a8

2. Bok, Benjamin (2616) - Beerdsen, Thomas (2500)
Spakenburg, 2022
♙ 4/b2



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1...b5! 2.e4

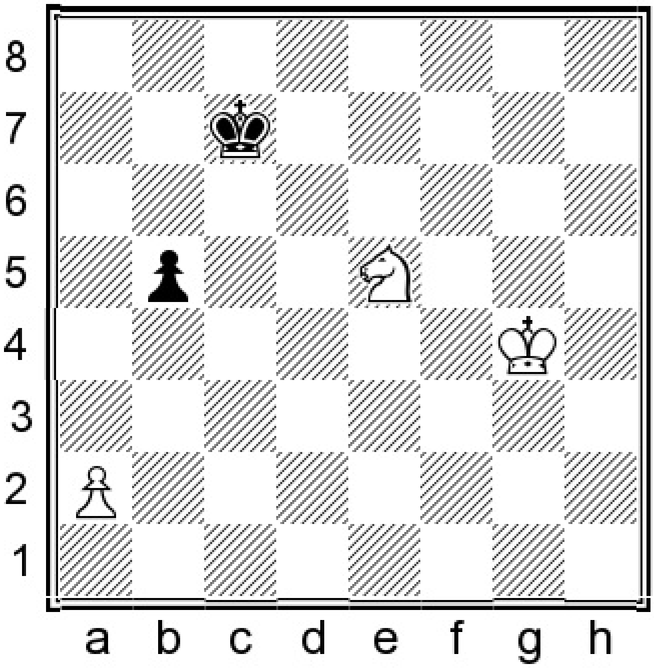
2.♔g3 ♔e5 3.♔f2 d4 4.♔e2 dxe3 5.♔xe3 ♔f5-+ - 2.e4

2...d4 3.e5+ ♔e6 4.♔e4 d3! 5.♔xd3 ♔xe5 6.♔e3 ♔f5 7.f4

7.♔f2 g5 8.hxg5 ♔xg5 9.♔g3 h4+ 10.♔h3 ♔f4-+

7...♔g4 8.♔d4 ♔xf4 9.♔c5 g5 10.hxg5 ♔xg5 11.♔xb5 h4 12.♔c6 h3 13.b5 h2 0-1

3. Krasenkow, Michal (2569) - Kosakowski, Jakub (2436)
Bydgoszcz, 2022
♘♗ 0/e



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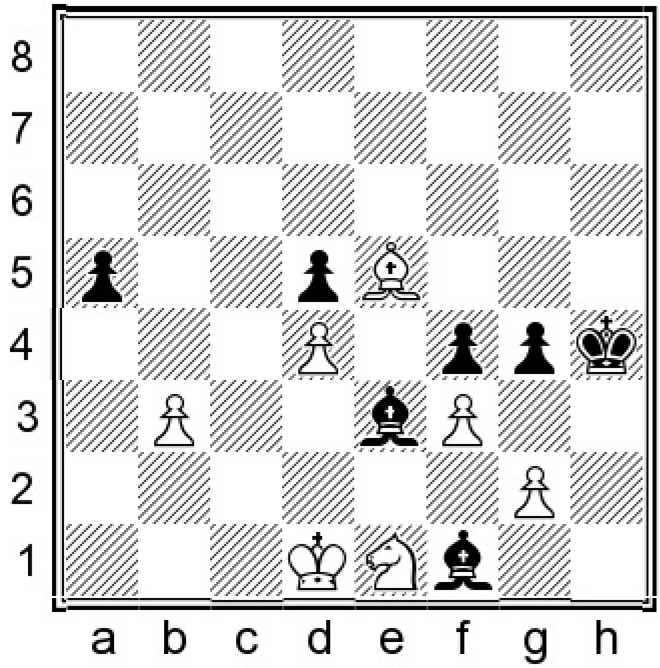
2.♘d3!

2.♔f4 ♔d5 3.♘d3 ♔d4=

2...♔d5 3.♔f3 ♔c4 4.♔e2 ♔c3 5.♔e3 b4 6.♔e2 b3 7.a4+- ♔d4 8.♔d2 ♔c4 9.♘b2+ ♔d4 10.a5 ♔c5 11.♔c3 ♔d5

4. Perez Rodriguez, Luis Manuel (2335) - Liang, Jason (2446)
Hamilton, 2022
♘♗ 9/e



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1.♘c2!

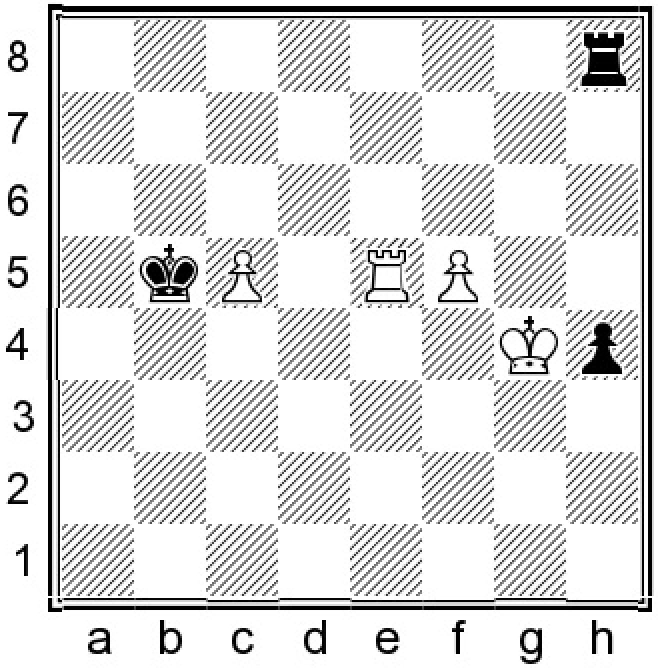
1.fxg4? ♔xg4 2.♘c2 ♗f2-+

1...♗xg2 2.♘xe3 ♗xf3+

2...fxe3 3.fxg4 ♗f3+ 4.♔c2 ♗xg4 5.♗c7=

3.♔d2 fxe3+ 4.♔xe3 ♗d1 5.♗c7 g3 6.♗xa5 ♔h3 7.♗c7!= ♗xb3 8.♗d6 ♗c2 9.♗c7 ♗e4 10.♗d6 ♔h2 11.♗c7 ♔g2 12.♗d6 ♗c2 13.♗c7 ♗b3 14.♗d6 ♔h3 15.♗c7 ♗c4 16.♗d6 ♗f1 17.♗c7 ♔g4 18.♗d6 g2 19.♔f2 ♔f5 20.♗e5 ♔e4 21.♔g1 1/2-1/2

5. Fier, Alexandr (2567) - Kuzubov, Yuriy (2642)
Chennai (ol), 2022
♖ 5/i



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1.♖e2! h3 2.♖h2 ♔xc5

2...♖g8+ 3.♔f4 ♔xc5 4.♖xh3 ♔d6 5.♖e3 ♖g1 6.f6+-

3.f6! ♖g8+

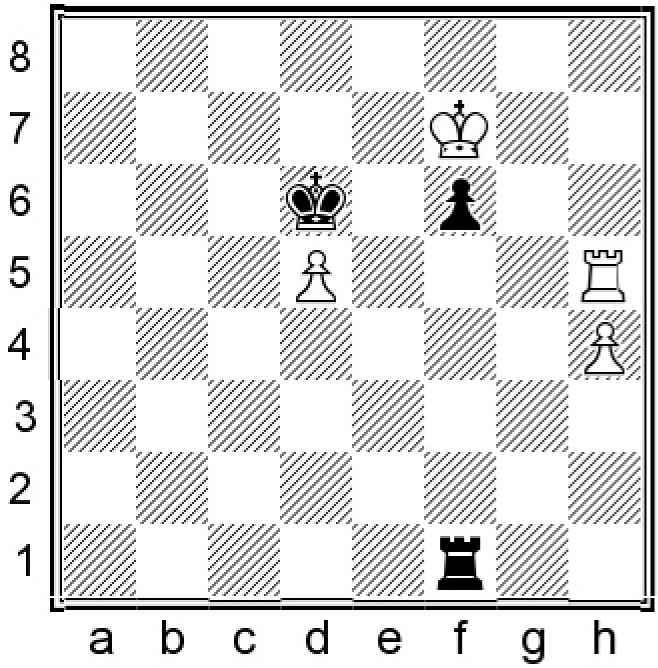
3...♔d6 4.♔f5 ♔d7 5.f7+-

4.♔f5 ♖g3 5.♔f4 ♖g6 6.♔e5 ♖g5+ 7.♔e6 ♖g3 8.♖f2

8.f7 ♖e3+ 9.♔f6 ♖f3+ 10.♔e7 ♖e3+ 11.♔f8 ♖f3 12.♖e2+-

8...♖g6 9.♔f5 ♖g2 10.♖f3+- h2 11.f7 h1=♕ 12.f8=♕+ ♔d5 13.♕d8+ 1-0

6. Rapport, Richard (2762) - Kryvoruchko, Yuriy (2683)
Deutschland, 2022
♖ 5/i



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1.♖h6!

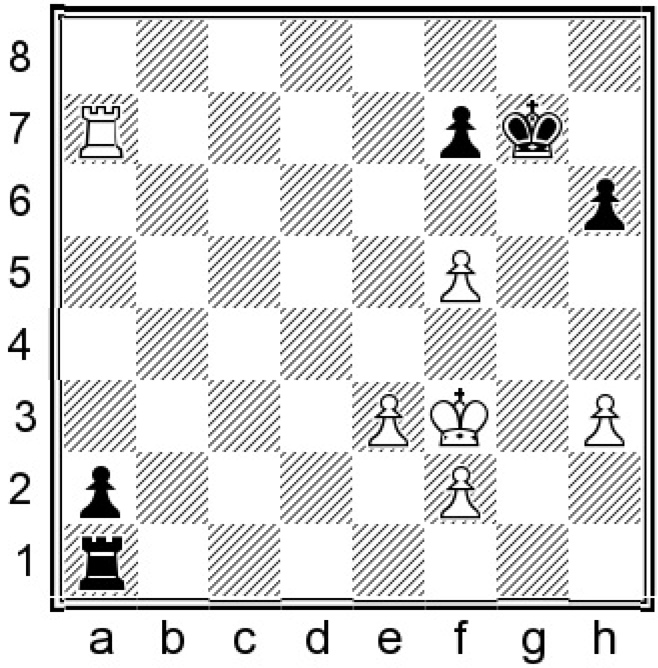
1.♔g6? ♔e7 2.♖h7+ ♔d6 3.h5 f5=

1...♔xd5 2.♖xf6 ♖h1 3.♖f5+! ♔d6

3...♔e4 4.♖a5 ♔f4 5.h5 ♖b1 6.h6 ♖b7+ 7.♔g6 ♖b6+ 8.♔h5 ♖b7 9.♖a8 ♔f5 10.♖f8+ ♔e6 11.♔g6 ♖b2 12.♖e8+ ♔d7 13.♖e5+-

4.h5+- ♖h2 5.♖f6+ ♔e5 6.h6 ♖a2 7.♔g7 1-0

7. Keymer, Vincent (2675) - Niemann, Hans Moke (2678)
Praha II, 2022
♖ 6/e



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1...♔g8

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2.f6 ♖h1 3.♖xa2 ♖xh3+ 4.♔g4 ♖h2 5.♔g3 ♖h5 6.e4 ♚h7! 7.♖e2 ♖a5

7...♔g6 8.e5 ♖h1 9.f4 ♖g1+ 10.♖g2 ♖f1=

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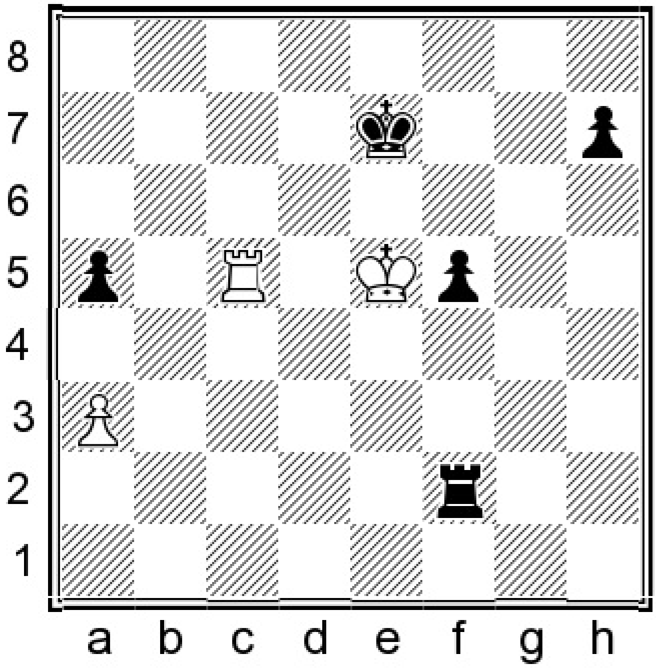
8. Flom, Gabriel (2410) - Michiels, Bart (2571)
Ghent, 2022
♖ 6/i



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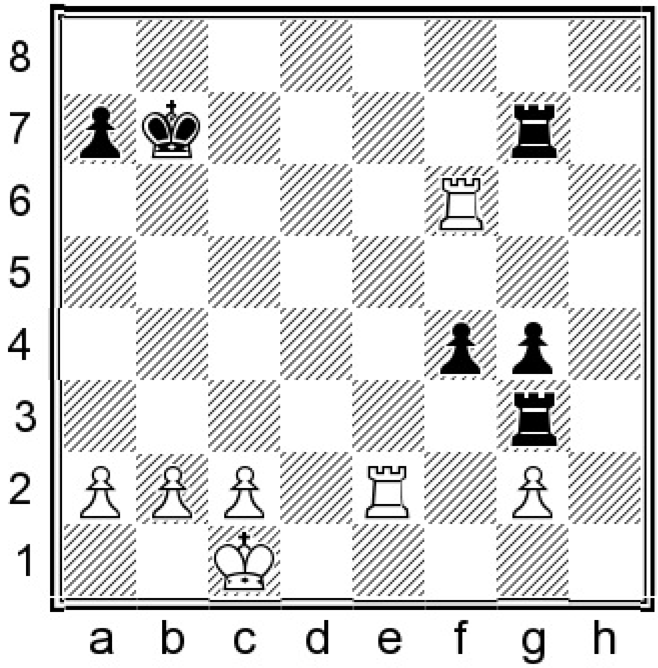
1...h5? 2.♖c7+ ♔f8 3.♖h7=

2.♖xa5 h5 3.♖a6

3.♔d4 ♖f3! (3...♔g6? 4.♔e3 ♖f1 5.♖a8 h4 6.♔e2 ♖a1 7.♔f3=) 4.♖a6 h4-+

3...♔g7! 4.a4 h4 5.a5 h3-+ 6.♖a7+ ♔g6 7.♖a8 h2 8.♖h8 ♔g5 9.♖g8+ ♔h4 10.a6 ♖a2 11.♖h8+ ♔g3 12.♖g8+ ♔f3 13.♖h8 f4 0-1

9. Radovanovic, Nikola (2422) - Arjun, Kalyan (2499)
Beograd, 2022
♖ 9/q



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5...♖xe7 6.♖xe7+ ♔c6!

6...♔b6? 7.♖e2 ♖xf3 8.♖g2+-

7.♖g7

7.♖e2 ♖xf3 8.♖g2 ♔d5! 9.♔e2 ♔e4=

7...♖xf3= 8.♖xa7 ♖f2+ 9.♔d3 ♖f3+ 10.♔e4 ♖f2 11.♖g7 ♖xc2 12.♖xg3 ♖xb2 1/2-1/2

TOURNAMENTS

STAVANGER, V–VI 2022
The 10th Norway Chess tournament

The tournament consists of a blitz tournament followed by 9 classical rounds.

BLITZ TOURNAMENT

Time control: 5 minutes + 3 seconds increment.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	W. SO	g	2814*	▬	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	0	1	6½	1
2	M. CARLSEN	g	2832	0	▬	½	0	½	1	1	1	1	½	5½	2
3	ANISH GIRI	g	2766	½	½	▬	1	½	½	0	1	1	0	5	3—5
4	VIS. ANAND	g	2758	½	1	0	▬	½	1	0	1	½	½	5	3—5
5	MAMEDYAROV	g	2778	½	½	½	½	▬	0	1	1	½	½	5	3—5
6	AR. TARI	g	2567	0	0	½	0	1	▬	1	0	1	1	4½	6
7	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2813	0	0	1	1	0	0	▬	0	1	1	4	7
8	V. TOPALOV	g	2667	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	▬	1	½	3½	8
9	WANG HAO	g	2712	1	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	▬	1	3	9—10
10	T. RADJABOV	g	2705	0	½	1	½	½	0	0	½	0	▬	3	9—10

* Blitz rating

CLASSICAL TOURNAMENT

cat. XXI (2754)

Seeding was based on a blitz tournament played before the classical event. The winner of the blitz tournament will choose his number in the main tournament. Number two will get the highest available number, the number three the second highest, and so on.

A classical win was worth 3 points and a loss 0 points. If the classical game was drawn, an armageddon game was played, with the same colours as the classical game. The player who won the armageddon game received 1½ points and the loser 1 point.

Time Control: 120 minutes with an increment of 10 seconds after move 40. If there is a draw in the classical game, then the players will move on to Armageddon. For Armageddon White (the same player who had White in the classical game) has 10 minutes and black has 7 minutes with an increment of 1 second per move, starting from move 41. Black wins if the game ends in a draw.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	M. CARLSEN	g	2864	▬	3	1	1½	1	3	1½	1	3	1½	16½	1
2	MAMEDYAROV	g	2770	0	▬	3	1	1½	3	1½	1½	1	3	15½	2
3	VIS. ANAND	g	2751	1½	0	▬	3	1	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	14½	3
4	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2750	1	1½	0	▬	3	1½	1½	3	1	1½	14	4
5	W. SO	g	2766	1½	1	1½	0	▬	1½	1	1½	3	1½	12½	5
6	ANISH GIRI	g	2761	0	0	1	1	1	▬	1½	3	3	1½	12	6
7	V. TOPALOV	g	2730	1	1	0	1	1½	1	▬	1½	1½	1	9½	7—8
8	AR. TARI	g	2654	1½	1	1	0	1	0	1	▬	1	3	9½	7—8
9	T. RADJABOV	g	2753	0	1½	1	1½	0	0	1	1½	▬	1½	8	9
10	WANG HAO	g	2744	1	0	1	1	1	1	1½	0	1	▬	7½	10

STAVANGER (open), VI 2022
The Norway Chess Open

(51 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes on the whole game + 30 seconds increment per move.

1. Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu 7½, 2—3. Efroimski, Seo Jung Min 6½, 4—7. Madaminov, N. Wachinger, Prraneeth Vuppala, A. Valsecchi 6, 8—15. V. Kunin, Gjestemoen-VonHirsch, Chatalbashev, Mitusov, A. Kvaloy, Al. Fishbein, J. Sarkar, S. Shehzad 5½, etc.

SAINT LOUIS, VI 2022
The St Louis Summer Chess Classic

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

A—Group

cat. XVI (2630)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1	YU YANGYI	g	2710	▬	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	½	6	1
2	AB. MISHRA	g	2535	½	▬	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	4½	2—3
3	G. OPARIN	g	2685	0	½	▬	½	1	½	1	½	½	4½	2—3
4	N. THEODOROU	g	2567	½	½	½	▬	½	½	0	½	1	4	4
5	GLEDURA	g	2644	½	½	0	½	▬	1	0	½	½	3½	5—8
6	SMIRIN	g	2603	0	½	½	½	0	▬	½	½	1	3½	5—8
7	J. BJERRE	g	2610	0	½	0	1	1	½	▬	0	½	3½	5—8
8	ARAM HAKOBYAN	g	2615	0	0	½	½	½	½	1	▬	½	3½	5—8
9	S. SEVIAN	g	2703	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	▬	3	9

B—Group

cat. XIII (2557)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	M. AL. ANTIPOV	g	2592	▬	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	6	1—2
2	GU. VÁZQUEZ	g	2560	½	▬	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1*	6	1—2
3	K. DRAGUN	g	2571	½	½	▬	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	5½	3—4
4	ALI MARANDI	g	2532	0	½	½	▬	½	½	½	1	1	1*	5½	3—4
5	CH. YOO	g	2548	½	½	½	½	▬	½	1	½	0	1*	5	5
6	ZHOU JIANCHAO	g	2583	½	½	0	½	½	▬	½	0	1	½	4	6—7
7	JOHN M. BURKE	g	2579	0	0	½	½	0	½	▬	1	½	1*	4	6—7
8	N. CHECA	g	2533	½	½	½	0	½	1	0	▬	½	0	3½	8
9	T. K. HARUTYUNYAN	g	2550	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	½	▬	1	3	9
10	B. JACOBSON	g	2526	½	0*	½	0*	0*	½	0*	1	0	▬	2½	10

* Forfeit

Playoff: M. Al. Antipov — Gu. Vázquez 2 : 1

BUENOS AIRES, VI 2022
The 96th Argentine Championship

(138 players, 11 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—3. Pérez Ponsa, Tristán, Ar. Sorín 8½, 4—8. F. Peralta, Die. Flores, Valerga, Bertona, Fr. Villegas 8, 9—13. P. I. Acosta, I. Tomeo, Raf. Miranda, Re. Garnier, María Fernández 7½, etc.

ANAPA, VI 2022
The Sea Harbor Open

(67 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—4. Nikita Afanasiev (24183555), D. Kryakvin, D. Voit, Nikita Petrov (4101286) 7, 5. Vadim Moiseenko (4123700) 6½, 6—12. A. Goganov, A. Khruschiov, Ivan Rozum (24104272), Sergey Nefedov, A. Gabrielian, Khripachenko, V. Gasanov 6, etc.

TÂRGU MUREŞ, VI 2022
The Grand Prix Romania — Stage 2

(57 players, 9 rounds)

Grand Prix Romania 2022 will consist of 5 open qualifying tournaments and the grand final — consisting of a closed tournament in which the best Romanians will participate. This year, three tournaments will consist in classic chess and two in rapid chess.

The Targu Mures Open is the 2nd leg of the Romanian Grand Prix 2022.

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Nisipeanu 7, 2. Samunenkov 6½, 3—8. Mart. Petrov, Schitco, Andrei Macovei (13904680), Manolache, A.-V. David, G.-A.-Gy. Szabo 6, 9—17. An. Filip, D. Gorodetzky, F. Magold, L.-C. Miron, D. Văsieşiu, I. Bulmaga, V.-C. Jianu, Baltag, M. Brunello 5½, etc.

CATTOLICA, VI 2022
The Cattolica Chess Open A

(54 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. S. Brunello 7, 2—5. L. Pantsulaia, Shahil Dey, N. Schmider, E. Safarli 6½, 6—7. Rahul Srivatshav, G. Kjartansson 6, 8—14. R. Padmini, E. Milikow, N. Buksa, J. Willow, Tr. Kanyamarala, Ta. Kanyamarala, J. Heinemann 5½, etc.

PRAHA, VI 2022
The Prague International Chess Festival

MASTERS
cat. XVIII (2693)

Time Control: Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	P. HARIKRISHNA	g	2701	▬	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	6½	1
2	LE QUANG LIEM	g	2709	½	▬	½	1	1	½	½	½	1	½	6	2
3	NGUYEN THAI DAI VAN	g	2610	½	½	▬	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	5	3—5
4	S. SHANKLAND	g	2718	½	0	½	▬	½	½	½	1	1	½	5	3—5
5	D. NAVARA	g	2681	½	0	½	½	▬	½	½	½	1	1	5	3—5
6	VALLEJO PONS	g	2703	½	½	½	½	½	▬	½	0	½	1	4½	6
7	S. VIDIT	g	2723	0	½	½	½	½	½	▬	½	½	½	4	7—8
8	P. MAGHSOODLOO	g	2716	0	½	½	0	½	1	½	▬	½	½	4	7—8
9	A. R. S. SALEM	g	2679	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	½	▬	1	3	9
10	ANTÓN GUIJARRO	g	2692	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	▬	2	10

CHALLENGERS
cat. XV (2608)

Time Control: Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	V. KEYMER	g	2675	▬	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	6½	1—2
2	H. NIEMANN	g	2678	½	▬	½	1	½	1	1	0	1	1	6½	1—2
3	ABDUSATTOROV	g	2661	½	½	▬	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	6	3
4	SASIKIRAN	g	2635	0	0	½	▬	½	½	½	1	1	1	5	4
5	JE. PECHÁČ	g	2598	½	½	½	½	▬	½	0	1	½	0	4	5—6
6	M. WARMERDAM	g	2613	0	0	0	½	½	▬	1	0	1	1	4	5—6
7	MA. KRZYŻANOWSKI	g	2535	½	0	½	½	1	0	▬	1	0	0	3½	7—8
8	JIŘÍ ŠTOČEK	g	2541	½	1	0	0	0	1	0	▬	½	½	3½	7—8
9	HRÁČEK	g	2564	0	0	½	0	½	0	1	½	▬	½	3	9—10
10	P. MICHALÍK	g	2577	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	½	½	▬	3	9—10

OPEN
(306 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Motylev 8, 2—12. T. Stremavičius, An. Kozak, Y. Santiago, Garriga Cazorla, Ma. Petr, Sankalp Gupta, Dušan Popović, P. Iniyan, Alsina Leal, J. Fus, S. Żyłka 7, 13—24. Hann. Stefánsson, N. Sedlak, Ja. Seemann, Huzman, Suárez Uriel, Moksh Amit Doshi, Mar. Malicka, Czerw, Wagh Suyog, D. García Ramos, Marcin Molenda (1173065), Kurmann 6½, etc.

SALES OLIVEIRA, VI 2022
The Julia Graton Squarizi Memorial
cat. XI (2452)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. Supi, Delgado Ramírez 7½, 3. A. Fier 6, 4. A. Diamant 5½, 5—6. J. Gemy, Dar. Lima 4, 7. C. Born 3½, 8. Rodi 3, 9. L. Coro 2½, 10. V. Labussiere 1½

LAS VEGAS, VI 2022
The Las Vegas International Chess Festival — National Open
(100 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. S. Khanin 7½, 2—3. I. Nyzhnyk, V. Akopian 7, 4—7. E. Córdova, Ar. Guo, Vibbert, Sundaram S. 6½, 8—17. T. Batchuluun, R. Bitoon, Al. Katz, John Bryant, Mark Heimann, Bach Ngo, As. Eswaran, Te. Wen, He. Deng, E. Ai 6, etc.

VISAKHAPATNAM, VI 2022
The Vizag GM Open
(146 players, 10 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. B. Savchenko 8½, 2—6. Luka Paichadze (13602934), K. Stupak, Harsha Bharathakoti, S. Nitin, Mitrabha 7½, 7—17. Amonatov, Audi Ameya, Subhayan Kundu, V. Baghdasaryan, A. Mirzoev, H. Gusain, Nigmatov, R. R. Laxman, Neelotpal, Azaladze, Enam. Hossain 7, etc.

FORNI DI SOPRA, VI 2022
The 13th Dolomiti Open
(26 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. D. Dardha 7, 2. Bernadskiy 6½, 3—4. P. L. Basso, Lu. Moroni jr. 6, 5—7. Harshavardhan G. B., O. Korneev, Prraneeth Vuppala 5½, 8—11. Karttunen, Ceres, Fabr. Bellia, Harshita Guddanti 5, etc.

JERMUK, VI 2022
The 13th Karen Asrian Memorial
(98 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Sha. Sargsyan 7½, 2—3. Art. Davtyan, Moha. Tabatabaei 7, 4—9. Babujian, T. L. Petrosian, Ter-Sahakyan, Man. Petrosyan, Ars. Davtyan, G. Dilanyan 6½, 10—19. D. Shahinyan, Andriasian, H. Melkumyan, Mam. Gharibyan, Er. Hakobyan, Chaqryan, Emin Ohanyan, R. Mahdavi, Mariam Mkrtchyan, Ale. Sahakyan 6, etc.

AKTOBE, VI 2022
The Vladimir Dvorkovich Memorial
(108 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—5. Z. Agmanov, P. Ponkratov, J. Vakhidov, S. Vokhidov, Sivuk 7, 6—11. And. Rychagov, Nogerbek, Ar. Nesterov, D. Makhnev, Nikita Afanasiev (24183555), Kuderinov 6½, 12—18. Utegaliyev, Sadubayev, Ar. Urazayev, As. Aitbayev, P. Kostenko, M. Kekelidze, Al. Ansat 6, etc.

TEPLICE, VI 2022
The 15th Teplice Open
(226 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Ali Marandi 7½, 2—8. S. L. Narayanan, D. Kollars, Santos Latasa, Pultinevičius, L. Yankelevich, Jiří Štoček (304760), P. Iniyan 7, 9—18. An. Demchenko, Yilmazyerli, F. Berkes, Laurušas, Erik Blomqvist (1709437), Seo Jung Min, Sankalp Gupta (5097010), L. Budisavljević, M. Hollan, Jor. Ferreira 6½, etc.

VELIKO GRADIŠTE, VI 2022
The Silver Lake Open
(53 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. Mohammad Nubairshah Shaikh, Ray. Song 7, 3—4. T. Stremavičius, Krstulović 6½, 5—7. U. Sadikhov, Anuj Shrivatri, Nik. Radovanović 6, 8—13. Al. Striković, Zanan, B. Damljanović, Ed. Mamedov, Arias Gaviria, Ivan Martić (929301) 5½, etc.

CHENNAI, VI 2022
The 13th Chennai Open
(275 players, 10 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. B. Savchenko, S. Nitin 8½, 3—4. Alexei Fedorov, Srihari L. R. 8, 5—14. K. Stupak, Si. Ravichandran, Aronyak Ghosh, Deepan Chakkravarthy J., Nguyen Duc Hoa, H. Gusain, Nguyen Van Huy, Hari Madhavan N. B., P. Karthikeyan (5018226), R. R. Laxman 7½, etc.

JERMUK, VI 2022
The 3rd Stepan Avagyan Memorial
cat. XVI (2626)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	MOHA. TABATABAEI	g	2650	▬	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	6	1
2	H. MARTIROSYAN	g	2656	½	▬	1	0	½	½	1	1	½	½	5½	2
3	SHA. SARGSYAN	g	2648	½	0	▬	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	5	3
4	H. NIEMANN	g	2678	½	1	½	▬	½	0	½	0	1	½	4½	4—7
5	NGUYEN THAI DAI VAN	g	2610	½	½	½	½	▬	½	½	½	½	½	4½	4—7
6	ALEXA. DONCHENKO	g	2602	0	½	0	1	½	▬	½	1	1	0	4½	4—7
7	NIHAL SARIN	g	2654	½	0	½	½	½	½	▬	½	½	1	4½	4—7
8	TER-SAHAKYAN	g	2640	½	0	½	1	½	0	½	▬	0	1	4	8
9	MAM. GHARIBYAN	m	2487	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	1	▬	½	3½	9
10	MAN. PETROSYAN	g	2638	0	½	0	½	½	1	0	0	½	▬	3	10

MADRID, VI—VII 2022
The FIDE Candidates Tournament

cat. XXI (2772)

Time control: 120 minutes for the first 40 moves, 60 minutes for the next 20 moves, then 15 minutes for the rest of the game with a 30-second increment per move starting on move 61.

Draws by mutual agreement were not allowed before Black's 40th move.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	g	2766	▬ ▬	1 ½	½ ½	½ ½	½ ½	1 1	1 ½	1 ½	9½	1
2	DING LIREN	g	2806	0 ½	▬ ▬	½ 0	½ 1	½ 1	½ ½	½ 1	½ 1	8	2
3	T. RADJABOV	g	2753	½ ½	½ 1	▬ ▬	0 1	0 ½	½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	7½	3—4
4	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2760	½ ½	½ 0	1 0	▬ ▬	0 1	½ 1	½ 1	½ ½	7½	3—4
5	F. CARUANA	g	2783	½ ½	½ 0	1 ½	1 0	▬ ▬	1 0	½ 0	½ ½	6½	5
6	A. FIROUZJA	g	2793	0 0	½ ½	½ ½	½ 0	0 1	▬ ▬	½ ½	½ 1	6	6
7	J.-K. DUDA	g	2750	0 ½	½ 0	½ ½	½ 0	½ 1	½ ½	▬ ▬	½ 0	5½	7—8
8	R. RAPPORT	g	2764	0 ½	½ 0	½ 0	½ ½	½ ½	½ 0	½ 1	▬ ▬	5½	7—8

The winner earned the right to face Carlsen in the 2023 FIDE World Chess Championship.

KRAKÓW, VI—VII 2022
The 11th Krakow International
(45 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Warakomski, Leniart 6½, 3—9. Pio. Nguyen, Zwardoń, Je. Pecháč, J. Fus, V. Danielyan, Klimkowski, B. Turski 6, 10—12. Holtel, Romanishin, Ja. Seemann 5½, etc.

OBNINSK, VI—VII 2022
The Russian Championship Higher League
(45 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Sjugirov*, V. Artemiev* 6½, 3—4. Chigaev*, Ale. Rakhmanov* 6, 5—11. Iljiushenok*, Ar. Nesterov, Niki. Afanasiev (24183555), K. Shubin, Val. Sviridov, Vo. Murzin, Dreev 5½, 12—18. Dm. Kokarev, K. Sychev, A. Riazantsev, Lysyj, M. Kobalia, Paravyan, K. Sakaev (4104226) 5, etc.

* Qualified for the 75th Russian Championships Superfinals

BYDGOSZCZ, VI—VII 2022
VII International Chess Festival in Bydgoszcz
(51 players, 10 rounds)

OPEN A

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Heberla, J. Tomczak 7, 3—9. Kr. Jakubowski, Krasenkow, P. Czarnota, Kar. Kucza, I. Janik, Andrei Maksimenko, Jan Malek 6½, 10—16. Gumularz, Sieciechowicz, Golubka, Da. Lewtak, Licznerski, V. Prokofiev, S. Ulasevich 6, etc.

BYDGOSZCZ FUNDACJA ORLEN WGM

cat. VIII (2428)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Gun. Mammadzada 6, 2—3. Kashlinskaya, A. Stefanova 5½, 4—6. I. Bulmaga, M. Muzychuk, M. Soćko 5, 7—8. Saduakassova, O. Kiołbasa 4½, 9. J. Majdan 2½, 10. Cyfka 1½

MADURAI, VI—VII 2022
The 2nd Athens of the East Open
(202 players, 10 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Aronyak Ghosh 8½, 2. Hari Madhavan N. B. 8, 3—9. Tran Tuan Minh, Alexei Fedorov, K. Stupak, P. Karthikeyan (5018226), R. R. Laxman, H. Gusain, Avinash Ramesh 7½, 10—23. V. A. V. Rajesh, B. Savchenko, Nguyen Duc Hoa, S. Nitin, Mohamed Anees M., Nguyen Van Huy, Deepan Chakkravarthy J., Bharat Kumar Reddy Poluri, Swati Ghate, Konguvel, Aswath S., Anup Shankar R., S. K. Ram, Selvamurugan B. 7, etc.

PHILADELPHIA, VI—VII 2022
The 50th Annual World Open
(225 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—8. Jef. Xiong, M. Al. Antipov*, Zhou Jianchao, Salinas Herrera, B. Jacobson, S. Khanin, Le Minh Tuan, A. Mikaelyan** 7, 9—17. I. Nyzhnyk, Bruzón Batista, Lenderman, John M. Burke, Ghaem Maghami, A. Hong, Matviishen, Al. Katz, T. Luo 6½, 18—36. K. Dragun, Andrew Tang (2059630), Al. Shabalov, G. Popilski, Shlyakhtenko, John Bryant, Sam. Narayanan, R. Talukdar, Justin Chen, Adewumi, Deviprasath, A. Jacobson, Jas. Wang (30908124), I. Chiu, Nguyen Hung Thi Mai, D. Aaron, Do. Johnson, Yang Qindong, Aa. Vinod 6, etc.

* Won Armageddon Playoff For First Place
** Finished Second In Armageddon Playoff

NOVI SAD, VI—VII 2022
The Serbia Open
(266 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Evg. Ioannidis 8, 2. Aryan Chopra 7½, 3—4. Zanan, A. Suleymanli 7, 5—23. Motylev, Adhiban, Aditya Mittal (35042025), Sarana, Harsha Bharathakoti, R. Sturt, A. Inđić, Jumabayev, V. Ivić, Predke, L. Budisavljević, Mil. Perunović, An. Demchenko, Ma. Muradli, Harshavardhan G. B., Tsolakidou, I. Ivanišević, Koustav Chatterjee, Arjun Kalyan 6½, 24—40. E. Can, E. Ohanyan, Kh. Babazada, Neelash Saha, Chitlange Sakshi, Abhim. Puranik, Vignesh N. R., Shyaamnikhil P., V. Sanal, Le. Mendonca, B. Assaubayeva, Srihari L. R., D. Makhnev, U. Sadikhov, Badelka, B. Aizenberg, Greenfeld 6, etc.

KIEL, VI—VII 2022
The 2nd Doppelbauer Kiel GM

cat. X (2480)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—3. Teclaf, Meshkovs, Se. Bogner 6, 4—5. S. Ernst, J. Pajeken 5, 6. Do. Horváth (1642561) 4½, 7. As. Parvanyan 4, 8—9. J. Rosner, J. Hacker 3, 10. K. Farokhi 2½

ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE, VII 2022
Ceske Budejovice GM Tournament

cat. X (2487)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. M. Morgunov, Alexa. Donchenko 6, 3. Sa. Sahidi 5½, 4—5. To. Kraus, Vykouk 5, 6. Omelja 4½, 7—8. Han. Stefánsson, K. Malinovský 4, 9. V. Gažík 3½, 10. M. Hollan 1½

UPPSALA, VII 2022
The Swedish Championship

cat. IX (2457)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. J. Hector 6½, 2—4. J. Westerberg, Hillarp Persson, Seo Jung Min 6, 5. E. Blomqvist 5½, 6—7. Lin. Johansson, P. Cramling 4, 8—9. Lu. Carlsson, Ax. Smith 2½, 10. M. Jogstad 2

PORTICCIO, VII 2022
The Purtichju Open
(122 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. Maurizzi, Işik Can 7½, 3—6. Karttunen, Bra. Clarke, M. R. Venkatesh, Suárez Uriel 7, 7—12. L. Yankelevich, Praveen Kumar C. (5007372), L. Trent, A. Mastrovasilis, Phile. Mathieu, D. Barrish 6½, 13—22. Martín Duque, Au. Droin, Peng Li Min, Gh. Maugenest, E. Dillenschneider, Valles Moreno, M. Bhawoodien, Eg. Bogdanov (14119137), N. Benmesbah, Jahncke 6, etc.

GIJÓN, VII 2022
The 14th Gijon Closed

cat. IX (2472)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Gukesh Dommaraju 8, 2. A. Fier 6½, 3—4. Ginés Esteo, Martínez Duany 6, 5. Delgado Ramírez 5½, 6. Garrido Outon 4, 7. Forgas Moreno 3½, 8. E. Álvarez Fernández 3, 9. M. Panelo 1½, 10. E. Tejedor Fuente 1

BARBERÀ DEL VALLÈS, VII 2022
The 44th Open Internacional Barbera del Valles "A"
(52 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—3. Cr. Rios, Gkoumas, Ja. Cuartas 7, 4—6. V. Moskalenko (14100100), Asis Gargatagli, Valenzuela Gómez 6, 7—14. Narciso Dublan, Alsina Leal, At. Dahale, Se. F. Sánchez, Mi. Muñoz (3800229), Vergara Jofré, Raul Barros jr., Pimpalkhare Vedant 5½, etc.

BENASQUE, VII 2022
The 41st Benasque Open
(398 players, 10 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—10. Ch. Aravindh, Ro. Hovhannisyan, R. Sadhwani, D. Forcén Esteban, Ya. Quesada Pérez, T. Sosa, P. Laurent-Paoli, Kristian S. Holm, L. Quesada Pérez, Albornoz Cabrera 8, 11—17. Garriga Cazorla, Ka. H. Grigoryan, F. Peralta, Costachi, A. Stella (827061), D. García Ramos, Plazuelo Pascual 7½, 18—38. A. Pichot, Movsziszian, Álvarez Pedraza, Re. Castellanos Rodríguez, V. Plát, Jiménez Ruano, D. Cámpora, Aa. Alonso García, Alvarado Díaz, Zoler, A. Domingo Nuñez, Almeida Quintana, Ordaz Valdés, V. Jansa, J. Roque Sola, An. López Del Alamo, Rottenwohrer Suárez, Callejas Rojas, R. Domingo Nuñez, Ruiz Buendia, Ad. García García 7, etc.

SAINT LOUIS, VII 2022
The U.S. Championships

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

The U.S. Junior Championship

cat. X (2478)

1. Ch. Yoo 7, 2. A. Hong 6, 3—4. Ab. Mishra, Daggupati 5, 5—7. Aw. Liang, D. Brodsky, Justin Wang 4½, 8. B. Jacobson 4, 9. C. Yip 2½, 10. P. Espinosa 2

The U.S. Senior Championship

cat. XI (2513)

1—5. V. Akopian, Al. Shabalov, Dm. Gurevich, Larry Christiansen, Dlugy 5½, 6. Kaidanov 5, 7. Jo. Benjamin 4½, 8—9. Ig. Novikov (14100037), Khmelnitsky 3, 10. De Firmian 2

Play-off (rapid)

Time Control: 10minutes + 2 seconds per move

			1	2	3	4	5	
1 AL. SHABALOV	g	2526*	▬	1	½	1	1	3½
2 LARRY CHRISTIANSEN	g	—	0	▬	1	½	1	2½
3 V. AKOPIAN	g	2668	½	0	▬	½	½	1½
4 DM. GUREVICH	g	2419	0	½	½	▬	½	1½
5 DLUGY	g	2577	0	0	½	½	▬	1

* Rapid rating

NEW YORK, VII 2022
The New York Summer Invitational GMA group

cat. VIII (2435)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. K. Dragun 6½, 2. Dj. Khamrakulov 6, 3. An. Šaric 5½, 4—6. Kaliksteyn, Ma. Lu, Korley 5, 7—8. Zhou Liran, Mich. Song 3½, 9. Ju. Williams 3, 10. Alek. Ostrovskiy 2

LEÓN, VII 2022
The 35th Leon Chess tournament

Time Control:
Four rapid games — 20 minutes for the entire game, with a 10 seconds increment starting from move one. In case of a tie, two blitz games (5 minutes plus 3 seconds increment starting from move one) will be played, and if still tied an Armageddon game.

Semi-finals:

			1	2	3	4	
SANTOS LATASA	g	2593*	1	0	½	0	1½
VIS. ANAND	g	2731	0	1	½	1	2½

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
B. GELFAND	g	2635	0	1	½	½	1	0	1	4
AN. ESIPENKO	g	2679	1	0	½	½	0	1	0	3

Final:

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
B. GELFAND	g	2635	0	1	1	0	1	1	4
VIS. ANAND	g	2731	1	0	0	1	0	0	2

* Rapid rating

KONGSVINGER, VII 2022
The Norwegian Championship
(14 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Si. Agdestein 8, 2. J. Hammer 6½, 3—4. Kaasen, L. Hauge 6, 5. Fro. Elsness 5, 6—8. Østmoe, Urkedal, Abdrlauf 4½, etc.

PARAĆIN, VII 2022
The 15th Paracin Chess Festival
(161 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu 8, 2. Predke 7½, 3—4. A. Suleymenov, Muthaiah Al 7, 5—12. V. Pranav (25060783), Nogerbek, Arjun Kalyan, Harshavardhan G. B., E. Ohanyan, S. Gan-Erdene, Vuk Đorđević, Chr. Menezes 6½, 13—22. Ar. Urazayev, Koustav Chatterjee, Ru. Makarian, Han Yichen, Am. Kairbekova, Gundavaa, D. Makhnev, Anuj Shrivatri, Nikita Petrov (4101286), Zanan 6, etc.

CHESS24.com, VII 2022
The FTX Road to Miami

The Meltwater Champions Chess Tour is a 9—month series of nine online chess tournaments started on February 19, 2022 and will last until November 20, 2022. The Tour consists of 9 events: 6 labelled as Regular and 3 labelled as Major.

The FTX Road to Miami is the fifth event of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour and the 4th Regular.

Each Regular tournament consists of a preliminary stage with 15 rounds and a knockout stage with three rounds. In the preliminary stage, 16 players participate in a round—robin spanning four days, with each player playing one rapid game against each other player, for a total of 120 games. A win scores 3 points and a draw scores 1 point. The eight players with the most points advance to the next stage.

In the quarterfinals and semifinals, each matchup consists of four rapid games played on a single day, with one point for a win and half a point for a draw. Ties are resolved by a playoff consisting of two blitz games. If these also end in a tie, an Armageddon game is played; if this ends in a draw, the Black player wins the round. The player who ranked higher in the preliminary stage gets to pick a colour.

The final consists of two matches of four rapid games each, played on successive days. Each match is scored separately. A tie (if each player wins one match or both matches are tied) is resolved as in the other knockout rounds. There is no match for third place.

Time control: the players have 15 minutes for all their moves, plus a 10 seconds increment starting from move 1. If a tiebreak is required the players will play two 5 minutes + 3 seconds games and then, if needed, a single Armageddon game.

THE PRELIMINARIES

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	S. SEVIAN	g	2684	▬	1	0	1	3	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	3	3	3	32
2	ERIGAISI ARJUN	g	2688	1	▬	0	0	3	1	3	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	31
3	J.-K. DUDA	g	2790	3	3	▬	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	28
4	R. RAPPORT	g	2727	1	3	1	▬	3	1	1	3	3	0	1	1	0	3	3	3	27
5	JEF. XIONG	g	2691	0	0	1	0	▬	3	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	3	24
6	ANISH GIRI	g	2730	1	1	1	1	0	▬	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	3	3	3	24
7	ARONIAN	g	2748	0	0	1	1	0	1	▬	1	3	0	3	3	3	3	0	3	22
8	WEI YI	g	2729	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	▬	1	3	3	3	0	1	1	3	19
9	AR. TARI	g	2650	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	▬	3	3	0	3	0	0	3	18
10	MAMEDYAROV	g	2745	0	0	1	3	0	1	3	0	0	▬	1	1	3	1	1	3	18
11	R. WOJTASZEK	g	2708	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	▬	1	3	3	3	3	18
12	DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	g	2754	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	1	▬	3	0	1	3	17
13	JU WENJUN	g	2545	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	▬	3	3	3	16
14	H. NIEMANN	g	2651	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	3	0	▬	3	3	14
15	S. SHANKLAND	g	2709	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	▬	3	13
16	T. RADJABOV	g	2738	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	▬	0

Teimour Radjabov played five rounds of the preliminary stage and then withdrew due to a COVID—19 infection and general ill health. His games, including the ones he had already played, were forfeited, and his opponents received the full 3 points and corresponding prize money.

KNOCKOUT STAGE

Quarter–finals:

			1	2	3	4		5	6	
WEI YI	g	2727	½	0	½	1	2	½	1	3½
S. SEVIAN	g	2684	½	1	½	0	2	½	0	2½

			1	2	3	4		5	6	
JEF. XIONG	g	2691	½	1	0	½	2	0	0	2
R. RAPPORT	g	2764	½	0	1	½	2	1	1	4

			1	2	3	4	
ANISH GIRI	g	2760	½	½	0	½	1½
J.-K. DUDA	g	2750	½	½	1	½	2½

			1	2	3	4	
ERIGAISI ARJUN	g	2689	1	½	0	0	1½
ARONIAN	g	2775	0	½	1	1	2½

Semi–finals:

			1	2	3	
WEI YI	g	2727	½	1	1	2½
R. RAPPORT	g	2764	½	0	0	½

			1	2	3	4	
ARONIAN	g	2775	½	1	½	1	3
J.-K. DUDA	g	2750	½	0	½	0	1

Final:

Match 1

			1	2	3	4	
ARONIAN	g	2775	½	½	½	1	2½
WEI YI	g	2727	½	½	½	0	1½

Match 2

			1	2	3	
WEI YI	g	2727	0	½	0	½
ARONIAN	g	2775	1	½	1	2½

BIEL, VII 2022
The 55th Biel Chess Festival

ACCENTUS Chess960 Tournament

Time Control: 15 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move.

1—2. V. Keymer, Abdusattorov 5, 3. Le Quang Liem 4½, 4. S. A. R. Salem 4, 5—6. G. Kamsky, Gukesh Dommaraju 3½, 7. A. Naiditsch 1½, 8. Yu Yangyi 1

GRANDMASTER TRIATHLON

Classical

cat. XVIII (2683)

Time Control: 100 minutes for the first 40 moves + 50 minutes for the next 20 moves + 15 minutes for the rest of the game, with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1 LE QUANG LIEM	g	2722	▬	1½	0	0	4	4	4	4	17½	1
2 AN. ESIPENKO	g	2682	1½	▬	4	1½	1½	1½	4	1½	15½	2
3 GUKESH DOMMARAJU	g	2684	4	0	▬	1½	1½	0	4	4	15	3
4 G. KAMSKY	g	2655	4	1½	1½	▬	1½	0	4	1½	14	4
5 A. NAIDITSCH	g	2664	0	1½	1½	1½	▬	4	0	4	12½	5
6 A. R. S. SALEM	g	2684	0	1½	4	4	0	▬	0	1½	11	6
7 ABDUSATTOROV	g	2688	0	0	0	0	4	4	▬	1½	9½	7
8 V. KEYMER	g	2686	0	1½	0	1½	0	1½	1½	▬	6	8

4 points for a win, 1½ points for a draw

Rapid

Time Control: 15 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1 LE QUANG LIEM	g	2626*	▬	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	11	1
2 AN. ESIPENKO	g	2679	0	▬	0	2	2	2	2	2	10	2
3 ABDUSATTOROV	g	2670	1	2	▬	1	1	0	2	2	9	3
4 A. R. S. SALEM	g	2655	0	0	1	▬	0	2	2	2	7	4—5
5 GUKESH DOMMARAJU	g	2223	1	0	1	2	▬	0	2	1	7	4—5
6 A. NAIDITSCH	g	2600	0	0	2	0	2	▬	0	2	6	6
7 V. KEYMER	g	2552	1	0	0	0	0	2	▬	2	5	7
8 G. KAMSKY	g	2717	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	▬	1	8

* Rapid rating
2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw

Blitz

Time Control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1 G. KAMSKY	g	2645**	▬ ▬	0 ½	½ 0	½ 1	½ 1	1 ½	½ ½	1 1	8½	1
2 A. R. S. SALEM	g	2679	1 ½	▬ ▬	0 1	1 0	1 ½	0 ½	1 ½	1 0	8	2—4
3 V. KEYMER	g	2548	½ 1	1 0	▬ ▬	1 1	0 0	½ 1	0 1	0 1	8	2—4
4 ABDUSATTOROV	g	2663	½ 0	0 1	0 0	▬ ▬	1 ½	1 1	1 0	1 1	8	2—4
5 GUKESH D.	g	2598	½ 0	0 ½	1 1	0 ½	▬ ▬	0 ½	½ 1	1 1	7½	5
6 LE QUANG LIEM	g	2657	0 ½	1 ½	½ 0	0 0	1 ½	▬ ▬	0 1	1 1	7	6—7
7 AN. ESIPENKO	g	2617	½ ½	0 ½	1 0	0 1	½ 0	1 0	▬ ▬	1 1	7	6—7
8 A. NAIDITSCH	g	2577	0 0	0 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	▬ ▬	2	8

** Blitz rating
1 points for a win, ½ points for a draw

OVERALL RANKING

	Games	Classical	Rapid	Blitz	Total
1 LE QUANG LIEM	28	17½	11	7	35½
2 ANDREY ESIPENKO	28	15½	10	7	32½
3 GUKESH DOMMARAJU	28	15	7	7½	29½
4 NODIRBEK ABDUSATTOROV	28	9½	9	8	26½
5 A. R. SALEH SALEM	28	11	7	8	26
6 GATA KAMSKY	28	14	1	8½	23½
7 ARKADIJ NAIDITSCH	28	12½	6	2	20½
8 VINCENT KEYMER	28	6	5	8	19

OPEN
(114 players, 9 rounds)

Time control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Ma. Muradli, K. Alekseenko 7, 3—8. Sha. Sargsyan, Visakh N. R., S. P. Sethuraman, Le. Mendonca, Vl. Fedoseev, H. Martirosyan 6½, 9—19. Aryan Chopra, Motylev, P. Iniyan, Yu Yangyi, Iturrizaga Bonelli, T. Bánusz, Prraneeth Vuppala, V. Erdős, Shar. Gagare, Miloš Pavlović (900389), Bharath Subramaniyam H. 6, etc.

VALENCIA, VII 2022
The 3rd Valencia Cuna Open
(126 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. J.-S. Christiansen 7½, 2—5. Pulvett Marin, Sivuk, Solodovnichenko, A. Mirzoev 7, 6—13. R. Terry, J. Gascón del Nogal, P. Ladron de Guevara Pinto, Macías Pino, Camarena Jiménez, R. Pérez Guerra, Cr. Cruz, B. Escalante Ramírez 6½, 14—20. A. Luque Saiz, R. Barski, D. Cori Tello, David Arm. Davtyan, Jon. Cruz, Jhoel García, Jó. Nieves Cabanes 6,etc.

AARHUS, VII 2022
The Skolernes 50 years GM

cat. X (2483)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Oleksiyenko 6½, 2. Fi. Olsen 6, 3. Je. Thybo 5½, 4. B. Ochsner 4½, 5—7. Baklan, Gábor Nagy (737119), Hillarp Persson 4, 8. Rozentalis 3½, 9—10. Andr. Hagen, Ca. Liu 2½

HAMILTON, VII 2022
The Canadian Open Championship
(251 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. N. Noritsyn, Rodrigue-Lemieux 7½, 3—7. V. Mikhalevski, Jas. Liang, Chiku-Ratte, Z. Dukic, M. Rusonik 7, 8—22. Ma. Paragua, Sambuev, Hambleton, Samsonkin, Fedorowicz, R. Talukdar, E. Hua, Jaferian, S. Rek, L. Pérez Rodríguez, N. Doknjas, Huang Youhe, Do. Bailey, Mendes Aaron Reeve, Rich. Chen (2617099) 6½, etc.

JERUSALEM, VII 2022
The Maccabiah Chess GM tournament

cat. X (2482)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. Kobo, E. Postny 6, 3. Smirin 5½, 4—6. Y. Parkhov, Tzidkiya, Evgeny Alekseev 5, 7. Dvoirys 4½, 8. Grünfeld 4, 9. G. Ginsburg 3, 10. Yarmonov 1

MOSCOW, VII 2022
The 18th Moscow Open A
(272 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—3. V. Artemiev, P. Ponkratov, Zvjaginsev 7½, 4—8. D. Lintchevski, Chigaev, Sergei Lobanov, Ale. Rakhmanov, M. Kobalia 7, 9—21. B. Savchenko, E. Vorobiov, Nikita Afanasiev (24183555), Iljiushenok, Shuvalova, A. Drygalov, Kukhmazov, V. Kunin, V. Nozdrachev, S. Drygalov, Eg. Bykov (34115290), Yeletsky, D. Rostovtsev 6½, 22—39. Vl. Zakhartsov, Oleg V. Ivanov, Pridorozhni, Ko. Popov (34137910), An. Aminov, Ra. Faizrakhmanov, Manelyuk, M. Nikitenko, Alexa. A. Kopylov, Baigildin, Ar. Uskov, A. Goganov, Schekachikhin, D. Lavrik, Vo. Murzin, Vladis. Krasikov, Frolyanov, Nyudleev, V. Korchmar, V. Skatchkov, Marinskii, An. Zhukov (34187534), A. Tandelov, Andrey Kim (24227730), Ar. Pechnikov, De. Kozlov (54104319), Vic. Ivanov, Al. Gavrilov (4104358) 6, etc.

DORTMUND, VII 2022
The 49th Dortmund Sparkassen Chess-Meeting

cat. XVII (2667)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1 ELJANOV	g	2681	▬	½	½	1	1	½	1	4½	1
2 B.-D. DEAC	g	2692	½	▬	1	½	½	1	½	4	2
3 McSHANE	g	2649	½	0	▬	½	½	1	1	3½	3
4 E. L'AMI	g	2634	0	½	½	▬	½	½	½	2½	4—5
5 R. SVANE	g	2649	0	½	½	½	▬	½	½	2½	4—5
6 D. NAVARA	g	2688	½	0	0	½	½	▬	½	2	6—7
7 M. BLÜBAUM	g	2673	0	½	0	½	½	½	▬	2	6—7

SPLIT, VII 2022
The 11th Split Open
(152 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. V. Bukal jr., Kožul 7½, 3—4. N. Pezelj, S. Čulum 7, 5—14. A. Pijpers, Saša Martinović, I. Žaja, S. Šale, Yrjölä, B. Kurajica, Piškur, B. Dauner, S. Tica, Kac. Polok 6½, etc.

PALEOCHORA, VII 2022
The 15th Paleochora Open
(152 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—4. Meshkovs, Ali Marandi, Kelires, Zwardoń 7, 5—10. Hamitevici, Yilmazyerli, T. Stremavičius, H. Banikas, P. L. Basso, Alb. David 6½, 11—26. Mus. En. Yilmaz, Kourkoulos-Arditis, Godzwon, Panag. Hristodoulou, Alexiadis, N. Spyropoulos, I. Bulmaga, A. Vlachos, De. Khayrullin, Al. Maltsevskaya, V. Nevednichii, S. Naoum, De. Antić, I. Kalogeris (4239563), Leniart, G.-A. Kouskoutis 6, etc.

BEOGRAD, VII 2022
The Svetozar Gligorić Memorial
(149 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Predke 8½, 2. Koustav Chatterjee 7½, 3. Nikita Petrov (4101286) 7, 4—11. Neelash Saha, Ru. Makarian, Nikola Radovanović, V. Pranav, Ts. Stoyanov, Arjun Kalyan, S. Atalik, Shahil Dey 6½, 12—28. Rohith Krishna S., Y. Erdogmus, Boj. Maksimović, Samant Aditya S., Muthaiah Al., Srihari L. R., N. Sedlak, Bazyrtsyrenov, D. Tisaj, Öm. Özer, Han Yichen, A. P. Joshua, Sanket Chakravarty, Ray. Song, Stamatiou, De. Omorjan, Y. Taspinar 6, etc.

JYVÄSKYLÄ, VII 2022
The 30th Heart of Finland Open
(134 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. L. van Foreest, R. Kevlishvili 7½, 3—4. S. Fedorchuk, Seo Jung Min 7, 5—11. Gábor Nagy (737119), V. Mikhalevski, M. Agopov, E. Abdulauf, V. Sipilä, H. Steingrímsson, Keinänen 6½, 12—23. Heberla, Karttunen, Külaots, Seeman, Chatalbashev, Wartiovaara, Nyysti, Reprintsev, K. Niemi, Korpa, Pohjala, Rönkä 6, etc.

ZAGREB, VII 2022
The Grand Chess Tour 2022 – Croatia Rapid & Blitz

The Grand Chess Tour 2022 will be a series of five tournaments with a total prize pool of USD $1.4 million, including two tournaments with classical time control and three tournaments with faster time controls. A total of nine full tour participants will be selected for the 2022 GCT season with each full tour participant required to participate in both classical chess tournaments as well as in two of the available three Rapid & Blitz events. Players will earn GCT points in all events and the results of every event will count towards the final GCT standings at the end of the regular season.

Tour Points shall be awarded based on the final ranking of each full tour player in each event as set out below. The same point allocations shall apply to both the classical and rapid and blitz events. Tour Points shall be shared equally between tied players and shall not be impacted by the result of any playoff or tiebreaks that may take place.

Place	GCT Points	Place	GCT Points
1st	12/13*	6th	5
2nd	10	7th	4
3rd	8	8th	3
4th	7	9th	2
5th	6	10th	1

* Any player who wins an Event outright (without the need for a playoff) shall earn a bonus GCT Tour Point for the outright victory.

In the Classical Events, the standings shall be determined by the allocation of: 1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in all games.

In the Rapid & Blitz Events the standings shall be determined by the allocation of: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in a Rapid game; and 1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in a Blitz game.

The Croatia Rapid & Blitz is the thirth stage of the Grand Chess Tour 2022.

Rapid

Time Control: 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move one.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	J. VAN FOREEST	g	2645*	▬	0	2	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	12	1
2	M. CARLSEN	g	2847	2	▬	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	11	2—4
3	A. FIROUZJA	g	2670	0	1	▬	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	11	2—4
4	W. SO	g	2779	2	1	1	▬	1	1	1	1	2	1	11	2—4
5	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2764	1	1	1	1	▬	0	2	1	1	2	10	5
6	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	g	2821	0	1	1	1	2	▬	0	2	0	2	9	6
7	MAMEDYAROV	g	2699	0	2	0	1	0	2	▬	1	1	1	8	7
8	L. DOMÍNGUEZ	g	2729	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	▬	1	1	7	8
9	IV. ŠARIĆ	g	2645	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	▬	0	6	9
10	V. TOPALOV	g	2627	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	▬	5	10

* Rapid rating

2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

Blitz

Time control: 5 minutes + 2 seconds increment from move one.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	▬ ▬	0 1	0 ½	½ 1	½ ½	1 1	1 1	0 1	0 1	1 1	12
2	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	1 0	▬ ▬	0 0	½ 0	½ 1	1 1	1 ½	½ 1	1 1	1 1	12
3	M. CARLSEN	1 ½	1 1	▬ ▬	1 0	0 ½	0 ½	1 ½	1 ½	1 1	1 0	11½
4	A. FIROUZJA	½ 0	½ 1	0 1	▬ ▬	½ 1	0 1	½ ½	½ 1	1 1	0 1	11
5	W. SO	½ ½	½ 0	½ 1	½ 0	▬ ▬	½ 0	½ 1	1 1	0 ½	1 1	10
6	L. DOMÍNGUEZ	0 0	0 0	1 ½	1 0	½ 1	▬ ▬	½ 0	1 ½	½ 0	1 ½	8
7	V. TOPALOV	0 0	0 ½	0 ½	½ ½	½ 0	½ 0	▬ ▬	1 0	1 1	0 0	7
8	MAMEDYAROV	1 0	½ 0	0 ½	½ 0	0 0	0 ½	0 1	▬ ▬	½ ½	1 1	7
9	J. VAN FOREEST	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 ½	½ 1	0 0	½ ½	▬ ▬	1 1	7
10	IV. ŠARIĆ	0 0	0 0	0 1	1 0	0 0	0 ½	1 1	0 0	0 0	▬ ▬	4½

1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

FINAL STANDINGS

		COMBINED SCORE	GCT POINTS
1	M. CARLSEN	22½	13
T-2	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	22	9
T-2	A. FIROUZJA	22	9
T-4	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	21	6½
T-4	W. SO	21	6½
6	J. VAN FOREEST	19	5
T-7	MAMEDYAROV	15	3½
T-7	L. DOMÍNGUEZ	15	3½
9	V. TOPALOV	12	2
10	IV. ŠARIĆ	10½	1

GHENT, VII Open 2022
The 43th ATS Ghent Open
(176 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. Sivuk, B. Michiels 7½, 3—8. G. Flom, G. van der Stricht, Maerevoet, Van den Doel, R. Duijker, Palchuk 7, 9—11. S. Dauw, Omelja, Burdalev 6½, etc.

PARDUBICE, VII 2022
The 33rd Czech Open
(196 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Alexa. Donchenko 7½, 2—4. Moksh Amit Doshi, J. Štoček (304760), F. Haring 7, 5—12. P. Brodowski, Harsha Bharathakoti, R. Stalmach, A. Tahay, Klabis, Ch. Noe, R. Mládek, M. Nurkiewicz 6½, 13—30. P. Gnojek, N. Dixit, P. Šimek (319260), P. Dobrowolski, G. Aradhya, L. Livaić, B. Lalić, J. Sarkar, J. Kůsa, Or Bronstein, Ra. Skytte, Pantzar, V. Finěk (23718293), Koziorowicz, Ra. Åkesson, M. Świcarz, Pe. Keller (1272105), Ł. Butkiewicz 6, etc.

PONTEVEDRA, VII 2022
The 10th Pontevedra Open
(71 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. P. Galperin 7½, 2—3. Ka. H. Grigoryan, Le. Mendonca 7, 4—5. R. Ruck (705713), E. Mirzoev 6½, 6—10. Shyaamnikhil P., Pulvett Marin, Manolache, Del Río De Angelis, H. Grieve 6, etc.

ESCALDES, VII 2022
The 38th Andorra Open
(146 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. P. Iniyan, Josep López Martínez 7, 3—14. Rathanvel, Aronyak Ghosh, Almagro Llamas, M. Neugebauer, Solodovnichenko, Kobo, Asis Gargatagli, Zoler, Kristian S. Holm, Y. Sokolovsky, B. Defromont, Anustoop Biswas 6½, 15—25. P. Glavina, Ja. Cuartas, Aa. Alonso García, Girel, Y. Gatineau, Cruz Lledo, Bilych, S. Ajay Krishna, Porras Mateo, D. Aaron, P. Laurent-Paoli 6, etc.

FAMALICÃO, VII 2022
The 9th Famalicao Open
(116 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. Abdisalimov, Say. Das 7½, 3—7. Martínez Duany, Krishna C. R. G., Aditya Mittal (35042025), Ra. Rodríguez López, Nigmatov 7, 8—12. Akhvlediani, K. Spraggett, P. Monteiro, Harisurya Bharadwaj Gundepudi, Ivo Dias 6½, etc.

KAVALA, VII—VIII 2022
The 31st Kavala Open
(80 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Kourkoulos-Arditis 7, 2—5. Karthik Venkataraman, Bharath Subramaniyam H., Th. Beerdsen, Gopal G. N. 6½, 6—13. Yilmazyerli, Eray Kiliç, L. Vrolijk, J.-Ch. Schröder, A. Pijpers, Işik Can, Trimitzios, J. Zawadzka 6, 14—20. S. Halkias, Kanakaris, D. Ladopoulos, Shar. Gagare, A. Kalogridis, Al. Maltsevskaya, Y. Santiago 5½, etc.

CHENNAI (ol), VII—VIII 2022
The 44th World Chess Olympiad

Time control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

OPEN
(188 teams, 11 rounds)

1. Uzbekistan 19*/435**/33*** [Abdusattorov 8½/11, N. Yakubboev 8/11, J. Sindarov 6½/10, J. Vakhidov 6½/8, S. Vokhidov 3½/4], **2. Armenia** 19/382½/28½ [Sargissian 6½/10, H. Melkumyan 6/10, Ter-Sahakyan 4½/8, Man. Petrosyan 3½/5, Ro. Hovhannisyan 8/11], **3. India 2** 18/427½/32½ [Gukesh D. 9/11, Nihal Sarin 7½/10, Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu 6½/9, B. Adhiban 4/6, R. Sadhwani 5½/8], **4—6.** India 17/409/29, USA 17/352/26½, Moldova 17/316½/28½, **7—10.** Azerbaijan 16/351½/27½, Magyarország 16/341½/28½, Polska 16/322½/27, Lietuva 16/297/27, **11—24.** Nederland 15/362½/29, España 15/356½/28½, France 15/353/28, England 15/348½/28, Greece 15/331/28, Israel 15/326/28, Kazakhstan 15/322½/27½, Deutschland 15/321/26½, Cuba 15/319/27, Srbija 15/315½/26½, Brasil 15/306/27½, Crna Gora 15/299/28½, Österreich 15/283½/25½, Peru 15/278/25½, **25—42.** Česko, Iran, Georgia, Türkiye, Ukraine, Australia, India 3, Philippines, Argentina, Indonesia, Mongolia, Egypt, Sverige, Chile, Slovensko, Ísland, Tunisia, Uruguay 14, **43—58.** Portugal, România, Danmark, Hrvatska, Italia, Colombia, Canada, Slovenija, Schweiz, Andorra, Albania, Belgique, South Africa, Eesti, Latvija, Zimbabwe 13, **59—84.** Norge, Ireland, Suomi, Paraguay, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Singapore, Bangladesh, Tajikistan, Sri Lanka, México, Severna Makedonija, Ecuador, Malaysia, Morocco, Bolivia, Panama, El Salvador, Madagascar, United Arab Emirates, Costa Rica, Trinidad & Tobago, Libya, Uganda, Zambia, Yemen 12, **85—101.** Jamaica, Nepal, Kosovo, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Syria, Scotland, South Sudan, South Korea, Nigeria, Myanmar, Wales, Guatemala, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Botswana, Ethiopia 11, **102—127.** Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Cyprus, Namibia, Algeria, Japan, Faroe Islands, Hong Kong, Barbados, Monaco, Nicaragua, Oman, Angola, New Zealand, Iraq, Malawi, Jordan, Mauritania, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Netherlands Antilles, Haiti, Liberia, Honduras, Maldives, Suriname 10, **128—143.** Mozambique, Puerto Rico, Kenya, Palestine, Kuwait, Jersey, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Bahrain, Aruba, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Mauritius, São Tomé and Principe, Eritrea, Bermuda 9, **144—160.** Afghanistan, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Cameroon, Guyana, Tanzania, Somalia, Cayman Islands, Guam, Mali, Togo, Malta, Gabon, Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Bahamas, Nauru 8, **161—174.** Fiji, San Marino, Eswatini, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Guernsey, US Virgin Islands, Djibouti, Timor-Leste, Dominica, Brunei Darussalam, Bhutan, Congo, Equatorial Guinea 7, **175—181.** Burundi, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Chad, Seychelles, Gambia, Palau, Laos 6, **182—183.** Comoros, Saint Kitts and Nevis 5, **184—186.** Central African Republic, British Virgin Islands, Nige 3, **187—188.** Rwanda, Pakistan 0

WOMEN
(162 teams, 11 rounds)

1. Ukraine 18/413½/30½ [M. Muzychuk 6/10, A. Muzychuk 7/10, Ushenina 7½/9, N. Buksa 7/10, Osmak 3/5], **2. Georgia** 18/392/29 [Dzagnidze 6/10, Batsiashvili 7½/10, L. Javakhishvili 7/10, S. Melia 4½/7, M. Arabidze 4/7], **3. India** 17/396½/29 [H. Koneru 6/10, D. Harika 3½/7, R. Vaishali 7½/11, Tania 8/11, Kulkarni Bhakti 4/5], **4—5.** USA 17/390/31½, Kazakhstan 17/352/28, **6—14.** Polska 16/396/30, Azerbaijan 16/389/29½, India 2 16/369½/30, Bulgaria 16/361/29½, Deutschland 16/344½/29, Magyarország 16/340½/28½, Armenia 16/333/28½, Srbija 16/326/28, Slovensko 16/277/24½, **15—20.** Mongolia 15/350/28, Česko 15/318/26½, India 3 15/313/27, Lietuva 15/298/27, Cuba 15/293½/26, Nederland 15/292½/25½, **21—34.** España, France, România, Indonesia, Israel, Eesti, Peru, Greece, Italia, Iran, Uzbekistan, England, Hrvatska, Argentina 14, **35—52.** Slovenija, Österreich, Philippines, Chile, Brasil, Sverige, Colombia, Australia, Belgique, Türkiye, Venezuela, Norge, Latvija, Schweiz, Danmark, Albania, Suomi, Egypt 13, **53—65.** Vietnam, Canada, Singapore, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, México, Ireland, United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Severna Makedonija, Portugal, Scotland, Iraq 12, **66—89.** Moldova, New Zealand, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Algeria, Crna Gora, Bolivia, Kenya, Angola, El Salvador, Zimbabwe, Hong Kong, Tajikistan, Ísland, Panama, Thailand, Syria, Sri Lanka, Monaco, Zambia, Wales, Puerto Rico, South Korea, Jamaica 11, **90—109.** Paraguay, Uganda, Nigeria, Tunisia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Palestine, Uruguay, Ethiopia, Andorra, South Africa, Botswana, Guatemala, Malawi, Suriname, Japan, Oman, Trinidad & Tobago, Eswatini, Kosovo 10, **110—125.** Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Chinese Taipei, Barbados, Mozambique, Saudi Arabia, Fiji, Namibia, Madagascar, Malta, Guyana, Haiti, Jersey, Kuwait, Maldives, Guam 9, **126—139.** Cyprus, Mauritius, Côte d'Ivoire, Lesotho, Palau, Bahrain, Senegal, Liberia, Honduras, Sudan, Bhutan, Cameroon, Eritrea, Togo 8, **140—146.** Aruba, Bahamas, Ghana, Myanmar, Comoros, Central African Republic, Djibouti 7, **147—154.** Libya, Laos, Cape Verde, Tanzania, Somalia, Mali, South Sudan, Burundi 6, **155.** Timor-Leste 5, **156—157.** Gabon, Sierra Leone 4, **158.** Gambia 3, **159.** Seychelles 2, **160—162.** São Tomé and Principe, Rwanda, Pakistan 0

* Matchpoints (2 for wins, 1 for draws, 0 for losses)
** Olympiad—Sonneborn—Berger—Tie—Break without lowest result (Chennai)
*** Points (game-points)

RANCHO MIRAGE, VII—VIII 2022
The 122nd Annual U. S. Open Championship
(403 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 100 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Aleksey Sorokin (24176460), Moradiabadi 8, 3—4. B. Jacobson, Eidelman 7½, 5—14. D. Naroditsky, Akobian, Al. Shabalov, A. Hong, Matviishen, J. Sheng, Schmakel, A. Costello, Gn. Melikyan, A. Mei 7, 15—31. I. Nyzhnyk, Vl. Akopian, S. Khanin, Fedorowicz, Ed. Hakobyan, Ron. Burnett, J. Wan, N. Ladan, S. Morris-Suzuki, N. Prabhu, N. De La Colina, Eric Liu, Glashausser, Dav. Gasparyan, L. Widjaja, Lang Xiong, Daniel Lin 6½, etc.

LEÇA DA PALMEIRA, VII—VIII 2022
The Leca Chess Open
(141 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. Motylev, Nigmatov 7½, 3—5. Martínez Duany, Man. Pérez Candelario, K. Spraggett 7, 6—13. Krishna C. R. G., Abdisalimov, Say. Das, Panesar Vedant, Akhvlediani, Ra. Rodríguez López, Bruno A. Martins, A. Stella 6½, etc.

VLISSINGEN, VIII 2022
The 24th Hogeschool Zeeland Tournament
(203 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Harsha Bharathakoti 8, 2—8. R. Ponomariov, L. Vrolijk, Th. Beerdsen, Baklan, Grutter, Vy. Ikonnikov, K. Pham 7, 9—18. Lalith Babu M. R., Royal, Dhulipalla Bala Chandra Prasad, Tom De Jong, Y. Santiago, S. Sorbe, C. Schoppen, Max. Lohr, Zevenhuizen, Do. Laux 6½,

SPILIMBERGO, VIII 2022
The 20th Spilimbergo Open
(104 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Visakh N. R. 7½, 2—7. Ghosh Diptayan, Al. Katz, Vetoshko, Vignesh N. R., Shyaamnikhil P., Bailet 6½, 8—18. Say. Das, Ax. Delorme, Karthik Venkataraman, Le. Mendonca, Krishna C. R. G., Cappelletto, Lumachi, J. Muckle, Muthaiah A. L., T. Razafindratsima, Harikrishnan A. Ra. 6, etc.

LINARES, VIII 2022
The 87th Spanish Chess Championship
(121 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Iturrizaga Bonelli 7½, 2—4. Yuffa, Santos Latasa, Ginés Esteo 7, 5—10. Garriga Cazorla, Merario Alarcón, Narciso Dublan, J. Moreno Ruiz, J. Cuenca Jiménez, Lin Yingrui 6½, etc.

POLANICA–ZDRÓJ, VIII 2022

cat. XIII (2564)

The 58th Rubinstein Memorial

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Alexa. Donchenko, D. Mastrovasilis 6, 3—4. G. Nasuta, V. Plát 5½, 5. Bernadskiy 4½, 6. Teclaf 4, 7—9. R. Kempiński, J. Tomczak, Tazbir 3½, 10. Sumets 3

ROCKVILLE, VIII 2022
The 9th Annual Washington International

(56 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 100 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—4. John M. Burke, V. Gažík, Andrew Tang (2059630), Jas. Liang 6½, 5—11. Zhou Jianchao, K. Dragun, B. Jacobson, Matviishen, D. Brodsky, A. Grabinsky, Kevin Wang (2008424) 6, 12—15. S. Khanin, Zeltsan, Chiku-Ratte, Sam. Narayanan 5½, etc.

TORQUAY, VIII 2022
The Chessable British Chess Championship

(60 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. H. Grieve 7½, 2. Nich. Pert 7, 3—4. Ja. Jackson, D. Eggleston 6½, 5—9. Gormally, M. Wadsworth, K. Arkell, Claridge-Hansen, Aa. Balaji 6, 10—15. Emms, Bra. Clarke, Ez. Kirk, Nig. Davies, R. Pert, Adam A. Taylor 5½, etc.

ALBI, VIII 2022
The 95th French Championships

Time Control: 90 minutes for 40 moves followed by 30 minutes to finish the game, with a 30-second increment from move one. In case of a tie after two classical games, two games of rapid (15+10) are played, if still tied two games of blitz (5+3), and if still tied, an armageddon game (5 vs. 4).

Round 1

			1	2	
MAX. LAGARDE	g	2615	0	½	½
R. ÉDOUARD	g	2551	1	½	1½

			1	2	3	4	
LAMARD	m	2512	½	½	½	0	1½
FRESSINET	g	2624	½	½	½	1	2½

			1	2	
É. BACROT	g	2648	1	½	1½
DEMUTH	g	2485	0	½	½

			1	2	
MAURIZZI	g	2530	0	0	0
J. MOUSSARD	g	2670	1	1	2

			1	2	
M. CORNETTE	g	2551	1	1	2
S. FELLER	g	2552	0	0	0

			1	2	
Y. GOZZOLI	g	2575	1	½	1½
M. SEBAG	g	2447	0	½	½

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
I. DORFMAN	g	2539	½	½	0	1	½	0	2½
GHARAMIAN	g	2602	½	½	1	0	½	1	3½

			1	2	
CH. BAUER	g	2615	1	½	1½
Y. GATINEAU	m	2372	0	½	½

Quarter-finals:

			1	2	3	4	
GHARAMIAN	g	2602	½	½	0	½	1½
É. BACROT	g	2648	½	½	1	½	2½

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
FRESSINET	g	2624	½	½	1	0	0	1	1	4
Y. GOZZOLI	g	2575	½	½	0	1	1	0	0	3

			1	2	
M. CORNETTE	g	2551	½	1	1½
R. ÉDOUARD	g	2551	½	0	½

			1	2	3	4	
J. MOUSSARD	g	2670	½	½	½	1	2½
CH. BAUER	g	2615	½	½	½	0	1½

Semi-finals:

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
É. BACROT	g	2648	½	½	1	0	0	1	1	4
FRESSINET	g	2624	½	½	0	1	1	0	0	3

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
M. CORNETTE	g	2551	½	½	½	½	0	½	2½
J. MOUSSARD	g	2670	½	½	½	½	1	½	3½

3rd–4th

			1	2	3	4	
M. CORNETTE	g	2551	½	½	0	½	1½
FRESSINET	g	2624	½	½	1	½	2½

Final

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
J. MOUSSARD	g	2670	½	½	1	0	0	1	1	4
É. BACROT	g	2648	½	½	0	1	1	0	0	3

SKANDERBORG, VIII 2022
The Smuk Skak GM tournament

cat. VIII (2445)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—3. Solodovnichenko, Ovsejevitsch, Korley 6, 4—5. Roshka, Fi. Olsen 5, 6—7. Hillarp Persson, Vik. Nielsen 4½, 8. Nic. Pedersen 3½, 9. Aarav Dengla 3, 10. Vinter-Schou 1½

MIAMI, VIII 2022
The FTX Crypto Cup

The FTX Crypto Cup is the sixt event of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour and the 2nd Major.

Each Major tournament will have 8 participants: the top two players of each of the previous two Regular tournaments, the top two players in the overall tour standings, and two wildcards. The tour regulations do not specify what happens if these groups of players overlap.

Each Major tournament will be a round-robin tournament among eight players, without a knock-out stage. Each pair of players plays a match of four rapid games, with the winner earning 3 points. If the match is tied, there is a blitz tiebreak, with 2 blitz games followed, if needed, by a single Armageddon game. The winner earns 2 points and the loser 1. Ties in the total match points at the end of the tournament are resolved according to the following criteria, in that order:
— Result in the match(es) between the tied players
— Number of match wins (including forfeits)

For each rapid game, the players have 15 minutes for all their moves, with a 10-second increment after each move. For blitz games, it's 5 minutes and a 3-second increment, while for the Armageddon game White has 5 minutes to Black's 4, but a draw counts as a win for Black.

For each match, the table shows the match points gained, with the match result in parentheses.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 M. CARLSEN	2822	▬	1 2 : 4	2 3½ : 2½	3 3 : 1	1 2 : 4	3 2½ : 1½	3 3 : 1	3 3 : 1	**16**
2 PRAGGNANANDHAA	2751	2 4 : 2	▬	3 2½ : 1½	0 ½ : 2½	1 2 : 4	3 3 : 1	3 2½ : 1½	3 2½ : 1½	**15**
3 A. FIROUZJA	2793	1 2½ : 3½	0 1½ : 2½	▬	3 2½ : ½	3 2½ : 1½	3 2½ : 1½	2 4 : 3	3 2½ : ½	**15**
4 LE QUANG LIEM	2775	0 1 : 3	3 2½ : ½	0 ½ : 2½	▬	3 2½ : ½	0 1½ : 2½	3 2½ : ½	3 2½ : 1½	**12**
5 J.-K. DUDA	2792	2 4 : 2	2 4 : 2	0 1½ : 2½	0 ½ : 2½	▬	1 2½ : 3½	3 2½ : ½	3 3 : 0	**11**
6 ARONIAN	2793	0 1½ : 2½	0 1 : 3	0 1½ : 2½	3 2½ : 1½	2 3½ : 2½	▬	0 ½ : 2½	3 2½ : 1½	**8**
7 ANISH GIRI	2783	0 1 : 3	0 1½ : 2½	1 3 : 4	0 ½ : 2½	0 ½ : 2½	3 2½ : ½	▬	3 2½ : 1½	**7**
8 H. NIEMANN	2615	0 1 : 3	0 1½ : 2½	0 ½ : 2½	0 1½ : 2½	0 0 : 3	0 1½ : 2½	0 1½ : 2½	▬	**0**

TOUR RANKINGS

	Airthings Masters	Charity Cup	Esports Cup	Chessable Masters	Road to Miami	Crypto Cup	Total
1 M. CARLSEN	31¼	32¼	30	13	—	40	146½
2 J.-K. DUDA	4¼	20¾	35	—	13	27½	100½
3 PRAGGNANANDHAA R.	4¾	5¼	30	21¼	—	37½	98¾
4 LE QUANG LIEM	7½	14	32½	—	—	30	84
5 ANISH GIRI	5¼	—	22½	13¼	8	17½	66½
6 ARONIAN	5¼	—	—	—	30½	20	55¾
7 DING LIREN	7½	11¾	—	31¼	—	—	50½
8 MAMEDYAROV	4¼	—	27½	7½	4½	—	43¾
9 J. VAN FOREEST	—	8¾	25	4¼	—	—	38
10 A. FIROUZJA	—	—	—	—	—	37½	37½
11 WEI YI	—	—	—	8	19¾	—	27¾
12 ERIC HANSEN	7¾	4	7½	3¾	—	—	23
13 NEPOMNIACHTCHI	22¼	—	—	—	—	—	22¼
14 R. RAPPORT	—	5¼	—	—	12¾	—	18
15 ANTÓN GUIJARRO	—	8	—	7	—	—	15
16 H. NIEMANN	3¾	7½	—	—	3½	0	14¾
17 AN. ESIPENKO	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
17 V. ARTEMIEV	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
19 AR. TARI	—	—	—	7	4½	—	11½
20 S. SEVIAN	—	—	—	—	10	—	10
21 ERIGAISI ARJUN	—	—	—	—	9¾	—	9¾
22 S. VIDIT	—	5	—	4¼	—	—	9¼
23 P. HARIKRISHNA	—	4	—	4½	—	—	8½
24 JEF. XIONG	—	—	—	—	8	—	8
25 V. KEYMER	7½	—	—	—	—	—	7½
26 D. NAVARA	—	7¼	—	—	—	—	7¼
26 S. SHANKLAND	—	—	—	4	3¼	—	7¼
28 JU WENJUN	—	2½	—	—	4	—	6½
29 GAW. JONES	—	2½	—	3	—	—	5½
30 ABDUSATTOROV	4¾	—	—	—	—	—	4¾
31 R. WOJTASZEK	—	—	—	—	4½	—	4½
32 L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	—	—	—	—	4¼	—	4¼
33 GRANDELIUS	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
34 AB. MISHRA	—	—	—	2½	—	—	2½
35 A. KOSTENIUK	¾	—	—	—	—	—	¾
36 LEI TINGJIE	—	½	—	—	—	—	½
37 T. RADJABOV	—	—	—	—	0	—	0

MAGDEBURG, VIII 2022
The German Masters

cat. XIV (2576)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	V. KEYMER	g	2672	▬	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	7	1
2	F. SVANE	m	2547	½	▬	1	1	½	½	1	½	1	0	6	2
3	AR. BRAUN	g	2594	0	0	▬	½	½	1	1	0	1	1	5	3—4
4	D. FRIDMAN	g	2606	½	0	½	▬	½	1	½	½	½	1	5	3—4
5	D. KOLLARS	g	2643	½	½	½	½	▬	½	½	½	0	1	4½	5
6	T. KÖLLE	f	2433	0	½	0	0	½	▬	½	1	1	½	4	6—8
7	R. SVANE	g	2640	0	0	0	½	½	½	▬	½	1	1	4	6—8
8	L. ENGEL	g	2557	0	½	1	½	½	0	½	▬	0	1	4	6—8
9	HUSCHENBETH	g	2607	½	0	0	½	1	0	0	1	▬	½	3½	9
10	J. ROSNER	m	2464	0	1	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	▬	2	10

RIGA, VIII 2022
The Riga Technical University Open

(144 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Pultinevičius 7½, 2—4. T. Kantans, Erik Blomqvist (1709437), Külaots 7, 5—10. Keinänen, Abdrlauf, Meshkovs, Lapshun, Grutter, Laurušas 6½, 11—24. Mitusov, Glek, Th. Abergel, Pier L. Basso, Stauskas, I. Jesse, K. Tomaszewski, J. Gallasch, Max Dahl, Ceres, P. Stremavičius, Stabulnieks, O. Krivonosov, Šalna 6,

MIRANDELA, VIII 2022
The 3rd Tras-os-Montes Open

(131 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Albornoz Cabrera 8, 2—4. Leniart, A. Pijpers, J. Kosakowski 7, 5—11. Guy Levin (2824213), Al. Katz, Ham. Sörensen, Seo Jung Min, N. Chasin, Prusikin, Gedajlovic 6½, 12—20. Ya. Quesada Pérez, K. Spraggett, Almeida Quintana, J. Habans Aguerrea, Pio. Nguyen, K. Chandran, Martínez Reyes, León Valdés, Bifulco 6, etc.

ABU DHABI, VIII 2022
The 28th Abu Dhabi International Chess Festival — Masters

(148 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Erigaisi Arjun 7½, 2. J. Sindarov 7, 3—11. J. van Foreest, R. Robson, N. Yakubboev, Nihal Sarin, S. P. Sethuraman, Samant Aditya, Mur. Karthikeyan, Aryan Chopra, Ter-Sahakyan 6½, 12—22. Antón Guijarro, Tomashevsky, A. Indić, Arjun Kalyan, A. R. S. Salem, Nisipeanu, Moha. Tabatabaei, B. Adhiban, S. Vokhidov, Shyaamnikhil P., Man. Petrosyan 6, 23—40. Tigran K. Harutyunyan, S. Mareco, Wang Hao, Harsha Bharathakoti, Predke, Aram Hakobyan (13306677), B. Amin, Arad Nazari, Haldorsen, Mohammad Nubairshah Shaikh, Ma. Muradli, Viani Antonio Dcunha, Sa. Grover, Aditya Mittal (35042025), Vignesh N. R., R. R. Laxman, Ro. Hovhannisyan, Yakubbaeva 5½, etc.

BARCELONA, VIII 2022
The 23rd Sants Open

(256 players, 10 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Narayanan S. L., Su. Vaibhav, Bo. Cheng 8, 4—13. Aronyak Ghosh, E. Fernández Guillén, Lalith Babu M. R., Berdayes Ason, Krishna C. R. G., Motylev, Alsina Leal, E. Córdova, Muthaiah A. L., Ja. Cuartas 7½, 14—24. Harikrishnan A. Ra., R. Terry, A. Pichot, G. Ayats Llobera, Cristian A. Hernández, Díaz Camallonga, Sebastián F. Sánchez, Martín Duque, Garriga Cazorla, Fabr. Bellia, Mike Ivanov 7, etc.

SKALICA, VIII 2022
The Skalica Open
(68 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. F. Haring, Je. Pecháč 7, 3—5. Vlastimil Babula (301264), Pranav Anand, G. Aczél 6½, 6—9. O. Mihók, R. Turčan, Z. Lanka, Sa. Sahidi 6, etc.

MIERCUREA–CIUC, VIII 2022
The Grand Prix Romania – Stage 3
(73 players, 9 rounds)

The Miercurea-Ciuc Open is the 3rd leg of the Romanian Grand Prix 2022.

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—7. Mart. Petrov, Da. Gavrilescu, M.-E. Pârligras, Samunenkov, V. Nevednichy, N. Steinberg, Costachi 6½, 8—10. Y. Parkhov, Dhulipalla Bala Chandra Prasad, Y. Sokolovsky 6, 11—19. Kobo, Alb. David, Or Bronstein, Manolache, Royal, L.-I. Filip, Br. Tadić, Korpa, I. Cosma 5½, etc.

SAINT LOUIS, VIII 2022
The Grand Chess Tour 2022 – Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz

The Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz is the thirth stage of the Grand Chess Tour 2022.

Rapid

Time Control: 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move one.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	A. FIROUZJA	g	2704*	▬	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	11	1—2
2	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2763	1	▬	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	11	1—2
3	S. SHANKLAND	g	2616	1	1	▬	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	10	3
4	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	g	2795	1	1	0	▬	2	1	1	1	1	1	9	4—6
5	MAMEDYAROV	g	2695	0	0	1	0	▬	2	2	1	2	1	9	4—6
6	JEF. XIONG	g	2725	1	1	2	1	0	▬	2	1	1	0	9	4—6
7	F. CARUANA	g	2766	2	0	1	1	0	0	▬	1	1	2	8	7—9
8	ARONIAN	g	2728	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	▬	1	0	8	7—9
9	L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	g	2705	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	▬	2	8	7—9
10	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2836	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	▬	7	10

* Rapid rating
2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

Blitz

Time control: 5 minutes + 2 seconds increment from move one.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	A. FIROUZJA	▬ ▬	½ 1	½ 1	½ 1	1 ½	1 1	½ 1	1 ½	1 1	1 1	15
2	HI. NAKAMURA	½ 0	▬ ▬	1 1	1 0	½ 1	½ ½	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	14
3	F. CARUANA	½ 0	0 0	▬ ▬	1 ½	½ ½	½ 1	0 1	½ 1	1 1	1 1	11
4	ARONIAN	½ 0	0 1	0 ½	▬ ▬	1 ½	1 0	1 ½	0 ½	1 0	1 ½	9
5	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	0 ½	½ 0	½ ½	0 ½	▬ ▬	1 ½	1 ½	½ ½	1 0	½ 1	9
6	MAMEDYAROV	0 0	½ ½	½ 0	0 1	0 ½	▬ ▬	0 0	1 ½	1 1	1 1	8½
7	JEF. XIONG	½ 0	0 0	1 0	0 ½	0 ½	1 1	▬ ▬	½ ½	1 0	1 ½	8
8	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	0 ½	0 0	½ 0	1 ½	½ ½	0 ½	½ ½	▬ ▬	1 1	½ ½	8
9	L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 1	0 0	0 1	0 0	▬ ▬	½ ½	4
10	S. SHANKLAND	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 ½	½ 0	0 0	0 ½	½ ½	½ ½	▬ ▬	3½

1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

FINAL STANDINGS

		COMBINED SCORE	GCT POINTS
1	A. FIROUZJA	26	13
2	HI. NAKAMURA	21	10
T-3	F. CARUANA	19	7½
T-3	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	19	7½
5	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	18	6
6	MAMEDYAROV	17½	5
T-7	ARONIAN	17	3½
T-7	JEF. XIONG	17	3½
9	S. SHANKLAND	13½	2
10	L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	12	1

TOUR RANKINGS

		Superbet Chess Classic Romania	Poland GCT Rapid & Blitz	Croatia GCT Rapid & Blitz	Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz	Total
1	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	10	—	9	7½	26½
2	A. FIROUZJA	3½	—	9	13	25½
3	W. SO	10	6	6½	—	22½
4	ARONIAN	10	9	—	3½	22½
5	F. CARUANA	6	7	—	7½	20½
6	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	3½	—	6½	6	16
7	J.-K. DUDA	—	13	—	—	13
8	M. CARLSEN	—	—	13	—	13
9	L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	6	—	3½	1	10½
10	MAMEDYAROV	1½	—	3½	5	10
11	HI. NAKAMURA	—	—	—	10	10
12	VIS. ANAND	—	9	—	—	9
13	R. RAPPORT	1½	5	—	—	6½
14	B.-D. DEAC	6	—	—	—	6
15	J. VAN FOREEST	—	—	5	—	5
16	R. WOJTASZEK	—	4	—	—	4
17	JEF. XIONG	—	—	—	3½	3½
18	A. KOROBOV	—	3	—	—	3
19	K. SHEVCHENKO	—	2	—	—	2
20	V. TOPALOV	—	—	2	—	2
21	S. SHANKLAND	—	—	—	2	2
22	DA. GAVRILESCU	—	1	—	—	1
23	IV. ŠARIĆ	—	—	1	—	1

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, VIII 2022
The Aix-en-Provence GM

cat. X (2476)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—3. Lamard, Fedorchuk, Bailet 6½, 4. Ma. Boyer 5, 5. B. Bellahcene 4½, 6—7. Armen Petrosyan (637491), Fy Rakotomaharo 4, 8. P. Laurent-Paoli 3½, 9. G. Flear 3, 10. Aarav Dengla 1½

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